

The Rules and Regulations of Green Procurement in Taiwan

Among various promotions of green consumption, green procurement is the most important measure. Government agencies play a huge role to green products that have less environmental impact, also to encourage green product production. Taiwan's government agencies including public schools, public enterprises or organizations, and military authorities should procure environmental preferable products in priority.

The Article 96 of the Government Procurement Act was promulgated on May 1998, it stated, "An entity may provide in the tender documentation that preference shall be given to a product which has been permitted to use a label of environmental protection approved by the government". Later, the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) and Public Construction Commission jointly published the Regulations for Priority Procurement of Eco-Products in 1999. It defined the specific terms used when addressing the issue of environmental protection products, the governmental procurement specification, and commendation for government agencies that adopts using environmentally preferable products.

In order to adapt the trend of green consuming of the 21st century, the Executive Yuan promulgated Program for Priority Procurement of Government Agencies in July 2001. Then, the Directions for the Performance Appraisal of Priority Procurement of Government Agencies was made as a guidelines to evaluate the overall performance of the procurement program.. The performance appraisal committee was set up to evaluate the performance in accordance of the weighting criteria and appraisal index. The Program defined clearly the proportion of the environmentally preferable product and the category of the product that the governmental agency shall purchase. The EPA set the green procurement goal as 83% by 2007 and it is amended annually according to yearly performance.

Along with the Taiwanese government green procurement effort, the Article 22 of Resources Recycling Act stated government agencies, public schools, public enterprises and organizations, and military authorities should purchase the prioritized products listed. These prioritized products listed were named as priority procurement products (1st Batch) for government agencies, public schools, public enterprises or organizations, and military authorities.

National Taiwan Normal University Green Procurement Report or Inquiry Website

(一) Report or Inquiry Website

<https://greenliving.epa.gov.tw/GreenLife>

(二) Inquiry about environmental label products

<https://greenliving.epa.gov.tw/Public>

(三) Green Procurement Inquiry Platform

<https://greenliving.epa.gov.tw/GreenLife/PurChaseRpt/login.aspx>