

New York City, New York Summary

1. Background. On December 29, 2005, Mayor Bloomberg signed into law the Green Cleaning Act, Int. 552-A, that requires the City to conduct a green cleaning pilot program and ultimately will require the city to purchase green cleaning products. On the same date, the Mayor also signed into law Int. 545-A that requires the City to purchase green cleaning products and products composed of recycled content.

2. Int.552-A. The City is required to establish a pilot program to study the feasibility of using green cleaning products in city facilities. The City shall develop a list of cleaning products currently used in large quantities and shall select cleaning product categories currently used by city agencies that are suitable for inclusion in the pilot program. At a minimum, the following products shall be considered for inclusion in the pilot program:

- General purpose cleaners
- Bathroom cleaner
- Glass cleaners
- Carpet cleaners
- Floor finishes and strippers
- Air fresheners
- Disinfectants and sanitizers
- Graffiti removers
- Metal cleaners
- Furniture polishes
- Degreasers

For each product category in the pilot program, the City shall establish health and environmental criteria for selecting products, and then, based on this criteria, select environmentally preferable cleaning products for inclusion in the program. No later than three years from the date of enactment, a report detailing the feasibility of using environmentally preferable cleaning products shall be submitted to the Mayor. Effective June 1, 2009, the City will be required to purchase and use green cleaning products to the extent and in the manner that such use is determined to be feasible through the pilot program.

3. Int. 545-A. Under Int. 545-A, scheduled to become effective Jan. 1, 2007, the City must purchase products that meet the recycled content requirements

of the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG). As it relates to the cleaning industry, the City must meet the recycled content standards of the CPG for commercial/industrial sanitary tissue, steel shower or restroom dividers, plastic trash bags, office recycling containers, office waste receptacles, mats, and signage.