

# APD Alert

## USDA DESIGNATES 27 BIOBASED ITEMS FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT



On May 14, 2008, 27 new groupings of biobased products have been designated for procurement preference under the BioPreferred Program. BioPreferred is a USDA led preference program that serves to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies.

The following six groupings have previously been designated by USDA:

1. Mobile equipment hydraulic fluids
2. Urethane roof coatings
3. Water tank coatings
4. Diesel fuel additives
5. Penetrating lubricants
6. Bedding, linens, and towels

The 27 new groupings have been added to the list of designated biobased products in three separate Federal Register notices (73 FR 27928, 73 FR 27958, and 73 FR 27978), bringing the total of USDA-designated biobased groupings to 33:

7. Adhesive and mastic removers
8. Plastic insulating foam for residential and commercial construction
9. Hand cleaners and sanitizers
10. Composite panels
11. Fluid-filled transformers

12. Disposable containers
13. Fertilizers
14. Sorbents
15. Graffiti and grease removers
16. 2-cycle engine oils
17. Lip care products
18. Films
19. Stationary equipment hydraulic fluids
20. Disposable cutlery
21. Glass cleaners
22. Greases
23. Dust suppressants
24. Carpets
25. Carpet and upholstery cleaners
26. Bathroom and spa cleaners
27. Concrete and asphalt release fluids
28. General purpose de-icers
29. Firearm lubricants
30. Floor strippers
31. Laundry products
32. Metalworking fluids
33. Wood and concrete sealers

More information on the BioPreferred Program can be found at the following Web sites:

- ARS Biopreferred Web site: [www.afm.ars.usda.gov/acquisitions/biopreferred.htm](http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/acquisitions/biopreferred.htm)
- USDA BioPreferred Web site: [www.biopreferred.gov](http://www.biopreferred.gov)

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