

## Criteria for the certification of technical products/household appliances

Technical products are products with:

- Suction functions (e.g. vacuum cleaner)
- Filter (e.g. pollen filter or air purifier)
- Washing systems or washing process (e.g. washing machine)

The following is checked:

The systems keep allergens away from allergy sufferers by removing them (suction, washing) or filtering them (filter) according to the specified percentage by Service Allergie Suisse. All devices must have at least one allergy-causing type of particle that can be efficiently eliminated. Certifiable information must be given.

- **For suction systems:** the suction must keep 80% of allergy-causing particles (e.g. pollens, moulds, house dust mites, animal hair) constantly away from the allergy-affected person.
- **For washing systems:** a washing system for allergy-causing particles (containing allergens from, e.g. pollen, mould, house dust mites, animal hair, particulate matter, germs) must achieve an efficiency of at least 60% during a wash cycle for particles of 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- **For filter systems:** the filter system for allergy-causing particles (containing allergens from e.g. pollen, mould, house dust mites, animal hair, particulate matter, germs) must reach an efficiency of at least 50% for particles of size 0.3-1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  during the entire service life.

Technical products/household appliances with the Allergy Seal of Quality are suitable for (according to product specifications):

- Pollen allergy (hay fever)
- House dust mite allergy
- Animal allergy
- Mould allergy

The Allergy Seal of Quality is by no means a general safety certificate. The manufacturer or distributor determines which products should be certified and has them checked by Service Allergie Suisse SA. Consumers will then find this information on the packaging of the product and in the product database of Service Allergie Suisse.