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Consultation – proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids

Nordic Ecolabelling would like to invite you to comment on our proposal for the Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids, generation 7. See more at www.svanemarket.no where you also find the background document, calculation sheet and the submission form.

The proposed criteria have been prepared by representatives from the Nordic Ecolabelling offices under the leadership of Thor Hirsch. Please contact the Norwegian office if you wish to receive a hard copy of the documents and/or a list of the bodies consulted.

The most important changes compared to generation 6 are:

- Certified materials from oil palms. New requirement.
- Water-soluble film. New requirement on ready biodegradability.
- New requirements on recycled material and design for recycling of packaging.
- Weight-Utility Ratio - WUR. The limit values of the requirement have been tightened. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.
- Fill ratio. The limit values of the requirement have been tightened. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.
- Washing guidance on packaging. New requirement.

In addition to the above mentioned, we would also like your comments on the following matters:

- Classification of the product. A ban on H420 and a restriction on EUH208 has been introduced.
- Prohibited substances. The list has been adjusted.
- Phosphorous. The limitation on phosphorous has been tightened for dishwasher detergents.
- Fragrances. Fragrance is not permitted in rinse aid anymore. Fragrance added to the packaging must now also be taken into account for dishwasher detergents. Moreover, the requirement is adjusted and is now in line with other more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- Long-term environmental effects. The limit values have been tightened.
- Critical dilution volume – CDV. CDV can now be calculated only with chronic values. The limit values have been tightened for all three categories.
- Performance of the dishwasher detergent. Updated to IKW2015 (including lowered test temperature to 45°C), and updated Nordic Swan specific modifications.
- Performance of the rinse aid. New test method. Please also note that multifunctional dishwasher detergents with rinse aid function must fulfil this requirement.
- Dosage instructions.
- Information on recycling. The common Nordic pictogram system from 2020 must be used.



We would very much appreciate comments on the proposed requirements. The contact person in Norway is Anders Lillebo (phone +47 993 21 745 or e-mail al@svanemerket.no). We kindly ask you to send your comments to us no later than **May 7th 2021** via the submission form on our website, by mail or by e-mail to post@svanemerket.no.

A summary of consultation comments that are received will be available at Nordic Ecolabelling.

Nordic Ecolabelling will organise a consultation webinar Friday March 12th at 10:00-11:30 CET. The webinar will be run in Microsoft Teams. Please sign up by e-mail to Thor Hirsch (th@svanemerket.no) no later than Thursday March 11th at 16:00 CET to get a link to the webinar.

Best regards
Ecolabelling Norway

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jarle Skeidsvoll', is positioned above the printed name.

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