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Consultation – proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Paints and varnishes

Nordic Ecolabelling are revising the criteria for Paints and varnishes and we hereby invite you to comment on our proposal. The consultation proposal is sent to a wide range of consultative bodies and the input will be used actively in the further work to tighten and improve the requirements.

The most important changes compared to generation 3 are:

- New requirements on renewable raw materials in acrylic and alkyd resins (binders).
- New requirement to global warming potential for cement/hydraulic binders.
- New energy requirement for the production of titanium dioxide. The proposed requirement is a first draft. Input on the proposed requirement and suggestions for alternative requirements are most welcome.
- Emission requirements to formaldehyde, VOC, TVOC and TSVOC for indoor paints and varnishes.
- The limit value for preservatives is lowered in outdoor and industrial paints.
- Amount of preservatives can be reported either by calculation or analytically (HPLC).
- Ban on 34 bisphenols.
- New quality requirement for industrial paints and varnishes intended for furniture.
- New requirements for packaging that promote the use of recycled material and prohibit metal packaging.

Proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Paints and varnishes are published on Ecolabelling Norway's website www.svanemarket.no where you also find the background document and the submission form.

The proposed criteria have been prepared by representatives from the Nordic Ecolabelling offices under the leadership of Nordic product manager Thor Hirsch. If you have questions to this consultation, please contact our environmental advisor Tove Bræin at tb@svanemarket.no or by phone +47 958 30 441.

We appreciate your comments on the proposed requirements. We kindly ask you to send them to us no later than **February 8th, 2023**, via the submission form on our website, by mail or by e-mail to post@svanemarket.no. All consultation comments will be reviewed, and a summary of the received comments will be available at Ecolabelling Norway.

Best regards
Ecolabelling Norway



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