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Consultation – proposal for criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of *Floor coverings and floors underlays*, generation 7

Nordic Ecolabelling are revising the criteria for *Floor coverings and floors underlays* 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 6 are:

- The requirements to share of renewable and/or recycled raw materials are tightened.
- The chemical requirements and requirements to emissions are tightened.
- New raw material requirements on plastics and WPC (Wood Plastic Composites) have been added.
- Origin and traceability are implemented for all raw materials.
- New requirement on energy mapping is implemented and the energy consumption requirement has been tightened.
- A new requirement set on product packaging has been implemented.
- Requirements on warranty, spare parts availability, labelling and traceability, reparability and recyclability have been added.
- New requirements on innovation are implemented.

Proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of *Floor coverings and floors underlays* are published on Ecolabelling Norway's website www.svanemarket.no where you also find the background document and the submission form. Other important changes and questions in the revised criteria are highlighted in the attachment.

The proposed criteria have been prepared by representatives from the Nordic Ecolabelling offices under the leadership of the Nordic product manager Thibault Angles d'Ortoli, Ecolabelling Sweden. If you have questions to this consultation, please contact our environmental advisor Kristian Kruse at kk@svanemarket.no or by phone +47 92656283.

We appreciate your comments on the proposed requirements. We kindly ask you to send them to us no later than **18th of September, 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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Attachment: The most important changes compared to generation 6

Attachment: Other important changes compared to generation 6 are:

- The requirement to renewable raw materials is tightened to minimum of 70% certified wood raw material.
- The quality and durability requirements have been clarified, tightened and updated. Specific requirements for flooring underlays have been added.
- The product information requirement has been updated.
- All limit values in the requirement share of renewable and/or recycled raw materials has been tightened and fillers can no longer be excluded from the calculation.
- The energy mapping performed must include an action plan.
- The energy consumption requirement has been updated and tightened. A minimum proportion of renewable fuel must now be used.
- The requirement to labelling and traceability of floors is updated and tightened and requires the creation of a register or database.
- The requirement recyclability requires that for floor coverings other than wood floorings (solid wood, multi-layer wood and wood veneer), the manufacturer must have a technology enabling recycling of the material into new floor coverings. When the flooring cannot be repaired/refurbished anymore, it must be possible to process the removed floor into manufacturing of new floor coverings.