

To whom it may concern

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Concerning: Hearing on Swan-labelling of Textile services (laundries) and laundry detergents for professional use

A working group within Nordic Ecolabelling has in collaboration with experts worked out draft proposals for criteria for Swan-labelling of respectively Textile services (laundries) and Laundry detergents for professional use.

Eco-Labeling Denmark asks kindly for your comments no later than **May 15th 2009**. The proposal will hereafter be discussed at the Danish Eco-labelling Board and thereafter at the Nordic Eco-Labeling Board.

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Textile services (Laundries)

Besides the proposal in general we ask you to pay attention to the following:

- The criteria documents for laundries and hand towel roll services have been joined in one new document.
- The requirements for energy use have been significantly tightened
- The demands to chemicals in the washing process now include all products in contact with textiles (e.g. stain removers and Impregnation substances)
- Criteria to the distribution of textiles (courses for drivers and purchase of new vehicles)
- A score system to motivate further improvements beside the obligatory requirements for a reduction of the climate- and the chemical actions to the environment.

According to an agreement with the BVT (The Danish Textile Care Association) we send this draft to all the members besides a number of other interested parties. Please note that the trade organization has not been directly involved in the working group that has made this draft.

Laundry detergents for professionals

Besides the proposal in general we ask you to pay attention to the following:

- The levels in the criteria are identical for complete laundry detergents and for multi-component systems.
- The upper limit for phosphonates has been raised to the same level that is accepted in Swan labelled laundry detergents to consumers.

The most important changes compared to the current version of the criteria are prohibition against:

- DADMAC (dialkyldimethylammoniumkloride), PFAS (Perfluorinated Alkylated organic Substances), boric acid, borates and perfumes. EDTA is now forbidden in all the Nordic countries including Norway.
- Triclosane
- PBT (Persistent bio accumulative and toxic substances) – Appendix XIII in REACH (Regulation 1907/2006/EF)
- vPvB (very persistent, very bio accumulative substances) – Appendix XIII in REACH (Regulation 1907/2006/EF)
- Substances on EU's "118-list of substances" for potential hormone disturbing substances (see www.mst.dk)
- Halogenated flame retardants
- Nano particles based on metal- carbon- and/or flourosubstances.

Requirements for classification of products are updated and it is shown what the requirements will be in the coming system for classification in the EU.

Several requirements to ingoing substances have been harmonized with the requirements for Textile services. This means that e.g. requirements for Total Chemicals (TC) have been removed while requirements for toxicity /degradation (CDV, aNBO, anNBO) are tightened in order to harmonize them with the requirements form Textile services. Requirements for phosphorus are also tightened and the demands to the level of environmental classified ingredients have been changed in order to allow a smaller amount of the most environmental dangerous substances.

The proposed criteria and the background document are available at Eco-labelling Denmark's web site www.ecolabel.dk. If you prefer it the documents send to you please order them at Eco-labelling Denmark phone +45 72 400 450.

Who may comment?

All persons, companies and institutions interested in developing the criteria for Swan-labelling of Textile services (laundries) and Laundry detergents for professional use may comment on the proposal. We ask you kindly to spread the information on the hearing to those who may be interested.

We urge you kindly to send your comment no later than **May 15th 2009**.

When the review has ended and the criteria document has been adopted by the Nordic Eco-labelling Board a hearing compilation will be sent to those who have commented on the proposal to Eco-labelling Denmark as well as it will be published on Eco-labelling Denmark's website.

Yours sincerely
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Enclosed: Lists of interested parties in the Nordic countries.