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KDN/CDL

Swan-labelling criteria for candles – Hearing

Dear Sir / Madam

Nordic Ecolabelling enters the candle manufacturing sector with a proposal for Swan-labelling criteria for candles. The proposal is elaborated in a working group within Nordic Ecolabelling and a reference group (see background document) consisting of different experts, manufacturers and stake holders. The motivations for the requirements are reported in a background document.

Nordic Ecolabelling expects to support and speed up the emerging development of reducing health and environmental impact from the manufacturing and burning of candles by eco-labelling. Swan-labelling is specially expected to contribute to the reduction of harmful emissions from the candle when burning and a lower climate impact given by a reduction of CO₂ emission from the raw material in the candle.

Ecolabelling Denmark is administrating the review in Denmark and in countries outside the Nordic countries. Nordic Ecolabelling sends out similar letters to stakeholders in the other Nordic countries. Ecolabelling Denmark asks kindly for your comments on the proposal no later than **the 7th of September 2007**.

The proposed criteria and background document are written in English and Danish and may be downloaded from our joint Nordic homepage in English www.ecolabel.nu, or you can order them in hardcopy from Ecolabelling Denmark.

We very much prefer comments received by electronic post to kdn@ecolabel.dk, but you can also use the enclosed statement form and send it to Ecolabelling Denmark Kollegievej 6, DK-2920 Charlottenlund, Denmark or fax it to +45 72 300 451.

This is a public review and if you know any other persons, companies or institutions that might have interest in commenting this proposal please feel free to distribute a copy of this letter to them.

When the review has ended and the criteria document has been adopted by the Nordic Ecolabelling Board a hearing compilation will be published on www.ecolabel.dk. We will also send the compilation to those who have commented on the proposal in Denmark.

Yours sincerely
Ecolabelling Denmark

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristian D. Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kristian Dammand Nielsen
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Enclosed: Statement form and lists of stakeholders in the Nordic countries.