

To whom it may concern

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BHC/CDL

Concerning: Hearing on Swan-labelling of tissue paper

Dear Madam/Sir

A working group within Nordic Ecolabelling has in collaboration with experts worked out a draft proposal for criteria for Swan-labelling of tissue paper.

Eco-labelling Denmark asks kindly for your comments before **2 December 2005**. The proposal will hereafter be discussed at the Danish Ecolabelling Board and thereafter at the Nordic Eco-labelling Board.

Besides changes in environmental requirements the proposal results in a change of the structure of the criteria document. That means there are now a Basic Module and a Chemical Module that cover many requirements on forest management, emissions, energy and chemicals used during pulp and paper production. Requirements that are product specific are contained in the Supplementary Tissue Paper Module.

The Basic Module and Chemical Module were sent for comments during the autumn 2003 and adopted in December 2003. This hearing therefore only covers the Supplementary Module for Tissue Paper.

Major changes from the previous criteria:

1. The requirement on certified fibre content has been tightened from 15% to 20% (Requirement in Basic Module)
2. Reference values for emissions have been tightened sharply while pulp and paper production have been given separate reference values (Requirement in Basic Module)
3. The total maximum score of points for energy consumption has been lowered from 1,5 to 1,25 (Requirement in Basic Module)
4. Alkylphenole ethoxilates must not actively be added to any production chemicals
5. Regarding wet strength agent, the permitted quantity of organic chlorine compounds of low molecular weight has been reduced from 1.0% to 0.1%.

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Proposed new requirements:

1. Own reference values for emissions from tissue paper machines
2. Chemicals used for the Yankee cylinder must not contain epichlorhydrin
3. Requirements on added cosmetic or body care preparations
4. Requirements for kitchen towel and toilet paper performance
5. Requirements that packaging must be optimised for transportation

The proposed criteria and the background document will be available at Eco-labelling Denmark's web site www.ecolabel.dk. The documents are in PDF format, and they can only be opened and read via the program Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can download the program for free from Adobe's web site: www.adobe.com. 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 tissue paper may comment on the proposal. We ask you kindly to spread the information on the hearing to those who may be interested.

If you choose to use the enclosed statement form please send it to Eco-labelling Denmark Kollegievej 6, DK-2920 Charlottenlund Denmark or fax it to +45 72 300 451. Your comments should reach us no later than **2 December 2005**.

When the review has ended, and the criteria document has been adopted by the Nordic Eco-labelling Board a hearing compilation will be public available on Eco-labelling Denmark's website.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely
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Enclosed: Criteria proposal, Background document, statement form and lists of interested parties in the Nordic countries.