

To whom it may concern

1 March 2006
KDJ/CDL

Concerning: Hearing on Swan-labelling of Floor care products

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Ecolabelling Denmark asks kindly for your comments before **2 May 2006**. The proposal will hereafter be discussed at the Danish Ecolabelling Board and thereafter at the Nordic Ecolabelling Board.

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

1. The product group has been extended with polish removers/wax removers.
2. Requirement for toxicity on high molecular substances (requirement R13)
3. Requirement that all products must not CMR (requirement R4)
4. Requirement that it is not permitted to use complex agents in floor care products (requirement R16)
5. Intensification of requirement on the content of monomer (requirement R17)
6. Requirements to surfactants aerobic and anaerobic degradability, where only ingredient emulsifiers in floor care products without a cleaning effect are excepted (requirement R11-12 and background document). This for instance means that fluorine surfactants and silicone surfactants, which are not biologically degradable, may not be used in floor care products.
7. Requirement to CDV (Critical Dilution Volume) has been changed, in that way that toxicity and degradability data should be taken from the DID list (Detergent Ingredient Database). This means that the requirement level of CDV has been changed much (requirement R19).

The proposed criteria and the background document will be available at Ecolabelling 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 sent to you please order them at Ecolabelling Denmark phone +45 72 400 450.

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Who may comment?

All persons, companies and institutions interested in developing the criteria for Swanlabelling of floor care products 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 Ecolabelling Denmark Kollegievej 6, DK-2920 Charlottenlund Denmark or fax it to +45 72 300 451. Your comments should reach us before **2 May 2006**.

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

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely
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Enclosed: Statement form and lists of interested parties in the Nordic countries.