

To our stakeholders

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## Public Consultation of proposal for generation 7 of Criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Construction and facade panels and mouldings

We hereby invite you to comment on our proposal for criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Construction and facade panels, and mouldings. Your comments are important when the proposal is to be discussed and decided by the Danish and Nordic Ecolabelling Boards.

We would like to receive your comments before December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Submit your comments to [hoerings svar@ecolabel.dk](mailto:hoerings svar@ecolabel.dk). Your contact person in Denmark is Head of Criteria Heidi Belinda Bugge [hbb@ecolabel.dk](mailto:hbb@ecolabel.dk). You can find the proposal on our Nordic website under the heading [Criteria Consultations](#).

The revision ONLY includes requirements for renewable materials and products based on renewable materials. For products that consist of a mixture of renewable and non-renewable materials such as cement-bonded particleboards, it is only the requirements for renewable materials that are revised and thus not the requirements for cement.

### Major changes

- The criteria now include both Cross- and Glued Laminated Timber.
- New mandatory requirement for share recirculated materials in particle- and MDF boards.
- The requirement for energy use has been re-structured and stringed for most types of panels/products.
- The chemical requirements have been stringed in several ways e.g., a ban on using chemicals that are classified as environmentally harmful and the requirement for constituent substances now also includes CMR category 2 substances.
- The requirement for the emission of formaldehyde has been tightened.
- A new requirement for innovation has been introduced which promotes various measures to reduce the total environmental impact from production of panels, either related to the product itself or to conditions in production. At least one of the listed measures must be fulfilled.

### Most important issues

Nordic Ecolabelling would like to have comments on the complete criteria set, but would like to highlight the following points:

- The requirement for energy use has been restructured with new individual requirements limits for the different types of panels, boards, mouldings and Cross- and Glued Laminated Timber. The idea of introducing a CO<sub>2</sub>-requirement has been briefly discussed – however, the biggest environmental benefit lies in the reduction of real energy consumption. We appreciate to have your comments on the requirement.

### Who can submit comments?

All enterprises, institutions, or persons interested in the development of the criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Construction and facade panels and mouldings are entitled to submit comments.

We kindly ask you to spread the information about this consultation to anyone interested in the proposal.

### Onward process

All comments will be examined and assessed at the end of the consultation period. Subsequently a revised proposal for criteria will be prepared. This proposal will be discussed by the Danish Ecolabelling Board and national Ecolabelling Boards in the other four Nordic countries. The final decision on the criteria is made by the Nordic Ecolabelling Board based on the opinions of the national boards. The material used for this process is, apart from a proposal for criteria, a compilation of all the public consultation comments together with the responses from Nordic Ecolabelling. This compilation will be published on our [website](#).

We are looking forward to receiving your comments before December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Kind regards  
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