

To our stakeholders

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Public Consultation of proposal for generation 5 of Criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Furniture and fitments

We hereby invite you to comment on our proposal for criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Furniture and fitments. 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 June 3rd 2020. Submit your comments to hoeringssvar@ecolabel.dk. Your contact person in Denmark is Head of Criteria Lisbeth Engel Hansen leh@ecolabel.dk. You can find the proposal on our website under the heading "Høringer på Svanen" (Consultations Nordic Swan Ecolabelling).

Major changes

The revision has focused on creating criteria with a strong climate and circular profile. The main changes proposed are listed here.

- The structure of the criteria has been changed so that the requirements for each material, including the chemical requirements, are compiled under separate chapters.
- The criteria have been expanded with the materials paper and other renewable raw materials such as down and feather. The criteria also want to include the materials natural stone and agglomerated stone based on EU Ecolabel's criteria for Hard coverings. These criteria are now under revision in the EU.
- An overall requirement is set for the proportion of renewable/recycled/reused materials in the product.
- The requirement for recycled metal is tightened as the percentage of recycled metal must be at least 70% by weight and that the requirement applies if metal is included with 30% by weight in the product. There are also clearer requirements for traceability in the supply chain.
- More strict and extensive chemical requirements are set.
- Emission requirements for foamed padding materials have been tightened.
- There are several new requirements related to circular aspects, e.g. that the components of the furniture can be separated from each other and warranty requirements.
- The requirement model for textiles and leather has changed and requirements have been generally tightened. Among other things, new requirements are set for fiber production for textiles and leather, which are used as outer cover for eg. sofas, chairs and mattresses.

The most important changes are described in appendix 1.

Who can submit comments?

All enterprises, institutions, or persons interested in the development of the criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Furniture and fitments 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 ecolabel.dk.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments before June 3rd 2020.

Kind regards

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