

To our stakeholders

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## **Public Consultation of proposal for generation 7 of Criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Dishwasher Detergents and Rinse Aids**

We hereby invite you to comment on our proposal for criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Dishwasher Detergents and Rinse Aids. Your comments are important to ensure that the criteria are usable and suited for a Danish context.

We would like to receive your comments before May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. Submit your comments to [hoeringssvar@ecolabel.dk](mailto:hoeringssvar@ecolabel.dk). Your contact person in Denmark is Head of Criteria Lisbeth Engel Hansen [leh@ecolabel.dk](mailto:leh@ecolabel.dk). You can find the proposal [here](#) on our Nordic website or on the Danish website under the heading "Aktuelt - høringer på Svanemærket" (Current consultations).

### **Consultation webinar Friday 12 March 2021 at 10:00-11:30 CET**

Nordic Ecolabelling will organise a consultation webinar.

Date and time: Friday 12 March 2021 at 10:00-11:30 CET.

Place: The webinar will be run in Microsoft Teams.

Sign up by e-mail to Thor Hirsch [th@svanemerket.no](mailto:th@svanemerket.no) no later than Thursday 11 March 2021 at 16:00 CET to get a link to the webinar.

### **Major changes**

- 03 Certified materials from oil palms. New requirement, in line with other more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- 014 Water-soluble film. New requirement on ready biodegradability.

#### *Packaging:*

- 018-023 New requirements on Recycled material and Design for recycling of packaging.
- 024 Weight-Utility Ratio - WUR (018 in gen 6). The limit values of the requirement have been tightened compared to generation 6. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.
- 025 Fill ratio (019 in gen 6). The limit values of the requirement have been tightened compared to generation 6. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.

#### *Consumer guidance:*

- 027 Washing guidance on packaging. New requirement.

## Most important issues

Nordic Ecolabelling would like to have comments on the complete criteria set, but would – in addition to the points mentioned above like to highlight the following points:

- 02 Classification of the product (02 in gen 6). A ban on H420 and a restriction on EUH208 has been introduced.
- 05 Prohibited substances (08 in gen 6). The list has been adjusted and is now in line with more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- 06 Phosphorous (07 in gen 6). The limitation on phosphorous has been tightened for dishwasher detergents.
- 07 Fragrances (09 in gen 6). Fragrance is not permitted in rinse aid anymore. Fragrance added to the packaging must now also be taken into account for dishwasher detergents. Moreover, the requirement is adjusted and is now in line with other more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- 011 Long-term environmental effects (06 in gen 6). The limit values have been tightened.
- 012 Critical dilution volume – CDV (014 in gen 6). CDV can now be calculated only with chronic values. The limit values have been tightened for all three categories.
- 016 Performance of the dishwasher detergent (022 in gen 6). Updated to IKW2015 (including lowered test temperature to 45°C), and updated Nordic Swan specific modifications.
- 017 Performance of the rinse aid. New test method. Please also note that multifunctional dishwasher detergents with rinse aid function must fulfil this requirement.
- 026 Dosage instructions (016 in gen 6).
- 028 Information on recycling (020 in gen 6). The common Nordic pictogram system from 2020 must be used.

## Who can submit comments?

All enterprises, institutions, or persons interested in the development of the criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Dishwasher Detergents and Rinse Aids 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 [ecolabel.dk](http://ecolabel.dk).

We are looking forward to receiving your comments before May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Kind regards

Ecolabelling Denmark



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