Proposal for hearing on the revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabeling of domestic appliances

The Nordic Ecolabelling har prepared a proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabeling of household white goods (refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers). Your comments are important and will be considered by the National Ecolabelling Boards and the Nordic Ecolabelling Board.

Your comments should be sent to Ecolabelling Denmark no later than 3th of December 2012 in order to be taken into consideration. Contact information is given below.

What are the big changes in version 5.0?

- Criteria for refrigerators & freezers, washing machines and dishwashers are now gathered in a new criteria document for white goods.
- Tumble dryers are now covered by the criteria.
- New requirements for the production of white goods (R1): Description of manufacturing process and materials.
- New requirements for chemical products in the manufacture of white goods (R2): Chemical products should meet requirements for classification.
- New requirements for chemical substances in the manufacture of white goods (R3): Some chemical substances must not be added chemical products.
- New tighter requirements for metal plating (R4): Metals may not be plated with cadmium, chromium, nickel, zinc or alloys of these.
- New tighter requirements for antibacterial properties (R8): Chemicals or additives that are added to create an antibacterial or disinfectant surface, in or on the product or to be released during the use of the product must not be used.
- New requirements for energy consumption on standby and switched off (K12):
- New tighter requirements for energy efficiency (K13): Test report and calculation in line with EU Regulation that verifies energy efficiency index (EEI) and corresponding energy labelling
- Refrigerators and freezers. Polycarbonate in direct contact with food (R18): Polycarbonate must not be used in drawers intended for food storage.
- Washing machines. New tighter requirements for water consumption (R19) and washing performance (R21).
- Dishwashers. New tighter requirements for water consumption (R23).
- Tumble dryers. New requirements for condensing efficiency (R26) and refrigerants in heat pump (R27).

The proposal of the criteria and background documents can be downloaded in PDF-format from our web-site: www.ecolabel.dk.

If there are problems or if you have no access to Internet, please inform us and we will send you a copy by mail.

Who can give comments?

All people, companies and institutions who are interested in taking part in the development work of Ecolabelling criteria for White goods can give their opinions and comments. We would appreciate if you kindly distribute information about this review to which it may concern, e.g. raw material suppliers and subcontractors.

How can comments be sent?

We prefer to get your answers by e-mail, but we also accept answers by mail. Your comments are welcome to one of the following addresses:

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We look forward to receiving your comments by December 3, 2012.

Yours faithfully,
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