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**Hearing proposal on revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of cleaning products**

Nordic Ecolabelling gives you the possibility to comment on our proposal for revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of **Cleaning products version 5.0**. Your comments are important when the proposal will be discussed in the National Ecolabelling Boards and subsequently in the Nordic Ecolabelling Board. Ecolabelling Norway asks kindly for your comments no later than August 31st 2012**.**

**What are the major changes in version 5.0?**

- Changed limits for CDV (R15) and degradability (R14) and transition to only chronic data in the CDV-calculation.
- New limit for RTU products concerning the WUR requirement (R21)
- Total ban against phosphorous (K11)
- Prohibition of perfume in professional products (R9). We wish specific and well-argumented comments if there is a need to accept small amounts of perfume in some specific categories.
- Increased stringency on requirements for allergens in perfumes for spray products (R5 and R10)
- New thresholds for substances that are not aerobic/anaerobic degradable (K15)
- Changed calculation of limit for long term environmental effects (R13)
- Exclusion of "substances of very high concern", vPvB-substances and PBT-substances (R6).
- Inclusion of microorganism containing cleaning products for professional products for sanitary usage (R12). The Nordic Ecolabelling would like comments on this requirement concerning limits, test methods and the fact that only sanitary products are included.
- Updated performance tests (R17-R18) The consumer test can only be used for professional products, while the laboratory test can be used for both consumer and professional products. Specific comments on the text in the appendices (5-6) are wanted.
- New/updated product categories, which can be found under all requirements.



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The proposed criteria documents are available on: www.svanemerket.no

*The documents on our website are in PDF and to be able to read them you need software Adobe Acrobat Reader. The program, Adobe Acrobat Reader, can be downloaded for free from Adobe's web site: www.adobe.com.*

If there is a problem with opening the documents or if you do not have access to the internet, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will send you a paper copy or the documents by e-mail.

**Who may comment?**
All persons, companies and institutions that are interested in developing the criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of **Cleaning products** may comment on the proposal. We ask you kindly to spread the information on the hearing to those who may be interested.

**How do I comment?**
We prefer to receive your comments via the webpages or by e-mail, but it is also possible to send them by fax or regular mail. Send the comments to one of the following addresses:

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We look forward to receiving your comments no later than **August 31st 2012.**

Yours sincerely
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