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Proposal for hearing on the revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Construction Panels

Nordic Ecolabelling is giving you the opportunity to comment on our proposal for the revised version 6.0 of the criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of **Construction Panels.** We would be grateful if you could submit your written feedback by no later than October 15th 2014.

The criteria and background document can be downloaded from the following address:
http://www.svanemerket.no/aktuelt/miljokrav/bygningsplater/
If you have difficulties downloading the documents or if you don´t have access to the internet, please contact me and I will send you the documents.

The following material types are included in the product group:

- Wood-based panels with or without laminated surface
- Solid wood (surface-treated) for assembly into a panel for indoor use
- Panels based on renewable raw materials other than wood
- High pressure laminate panels
- Plasterboards
- Mineral wool panels (where the main function is **not** thermal insulation)
- Cement-based panels in the form of fibre cement, cement and magnesium oxide panels

An industry meeting will be arranged in Stockholm Tuesday 2nd September 2014 concerning the proposed new criteria. Practical information can be found here:
http://www.svanemerket.no/aktuelt/nyheter/seminar-om-byggeplater/

Nordic Ecolabelling would particulary appreciate your comments on the following:

- The requirements for the new products and materials in the product group in general

- New requirements for recycled raw materials (R10 to R12)



- New energy requirements (R13 to R18)
- Strengthening of the chemical requirements. For example now a prohibition of isocyanates with chain length below 10 (R21)
- The requirement to VAH'er (volatile aromatic compounds) are tightened to max. 0,1% allowed in adhesives (R26)
- Updated requirements for environmental hazardous substances in the panel (R24) and the surface treatment (R25)
- A tightened requirement for formaldehyde emission from MDF panels for testing with EN 717-1 (R32) compared to a unchanged requirement for formaldehyde glue (R28)
- A new emission requirement for the finished panel (R33)
- A new quality requirement (R34)

Who can submit responses to this hearing?
Any persons, companies and institutions that are interested in helping in the development of the Nordic Ecolabelling's proposed criteria for construction panels can submit comments. Please pass on information about the hearing to those who might be affected by the proposal.

How can responses be submitted?
Please submit your responses via the website, by e-mail or by post. Send your responses to:
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We look forward to receiving your comments by**, at the latest, October 15th 2014**.

Best regards
Nordic Ecolabelling

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Enclosure