To whom it may concern

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Consultation concerning the proposed new criteria for Sanitary products

Dear Madam/Sir,

Nordic Ecolabelling hereby gives you the possibility to comment on the proposal for sanitary products requirements. Your comments are important when the proposal will be discussed in the Norwegian Ecolabelling Board and subsequently in the Nordic Ecolabelling Board.

Ecolabelling Norway kindly asks for your comments no later than 10th of February 2016. Until then, comments can be sent to post@svanemerket.no. Elisabeth Magnus, em@svanemerket.no will be the Norwegian contact person. You will find the proposal on our website under "News/Environmental and public consultations" (Aktuelt/Miljøkrav og høringsaker)

Proposed changes:

1. The product group definition is changed and is more clearly defined.
2. The requirements for chemicals are updated and are more comprehensive.
3. Differentiated requirements for materials are introduced, depending on the proportion of the materials constituting the product.
4. Requirements for paper and fluff are updated. Requirement for energy consumption in the air-laid process is introduced.
5. Requirements for energy use in the polymerisation of polymers are introduced. There are now specific requirements for elastane/polyurethane and polyamide. Requirements for polymers now also cover ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA).
6. For polymers based on renewable raw materials, requirements for traceability is introduced.
7. The requirement for material composition is changed.

When the consultation period is over and the requirements have been adopted by the Nordic Ecolabelling Board, a consultation compilation containing all comments and Nordic Ecolabellings's comments to these, will be published on Ecolabelling Norways's website.

We look forward to receiving your comments no later than 10 February 2016.

Yours sincerely,
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