Proposal for review on the revised criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of Imaging equipment

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 **Imaging equipment**. Your comments will play an important role when the revision proposal is considered by the national ecolabelling boards and the Nordic ecolabelling board. We would be grateful if you could submit your written feedback by **28 February 2013**.

What are the major changes in this revision?

- R3: The requirement for energy efficiency has been tightened and is referring directly to the criteria document of the Blue Angel RAL-UZ 171 for Office equipment with printing functions, alternatively to the Energy Star specifications for Imaging equipment v.2.0.
- R9: The requirement for flame retardants have been tightened with two new eco-toxicity risk-phrases and with fewer exemptions.
- R4: The requirement for re-used plastic has been tightened in such a way that the previous formulation "pre-consumer" re-cycled plastic has been changed to "post-industrial" re-cycled plastic. Post-industrial re-cycled plastic is defined as plastic that is not derived from internal production.
- R15: The requirement for double-sided (duplex) copying has been tightened with a lower limit value of sheets per minute when double-sided function must be available.
- R10: A new requirement banning a list of phthalates for their use in the external cable.
- R16: A new requirement on "consumables" (toner cartridges, waste toner boxes and residual toner containers consumed during device usage) with a limit value expressed in kg of consumables in relation to 1000 printed pages.
- R13: New requirements for packaging material; 80% re-cycled (post-consumer) cardboard and a ban of halogenated organic substances in packaging material.
- The harmonization with the Eco Mark is no longer available.

Nordic Ecolabel would like to get comments on these proposed changes. We are especially interested in your comments on the list of phthalates in R10, and your opinion on the documentation of this requirement. Will it be possible to obtain information from the cable producer? We also want your comments on the limit values in the proposed new requirement for consumables (R16).

The criteria and background document can be downloaded from the following address: www.svanemerket.no. If you experience problems downloading the documents or do not have access to the internet, please contact us and we will send you the documents either in paper form or by e-mail.

Who can submit responses to this consultation?

Any people, companies and institutions that are interested in helping to develop the ecolabelling criteria for **imaging equipment** are invited to submit comments on the proposed criteria. Please pass on information about the consultation to those who might be affected by the proposals.

How can responses be submitted?

We prefer to receive your responses via the websites, but comments by e-mail or by post are also welcome.
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We look forward to receiving your comments by **28 February 2013**.

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