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

Nordic Ecolabelling is giving you the opportunity to comment on our proposal for the revised **version 5.0** of the criteria for Nordic Ecolabelling of **Audiovisual 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 the requirement is referring directly to the energy efficiency classes according to the Energy Labelling Regulation of televisions (EU) No 1062/2010.
- R5: The requirement for flame retardants have been tightened with two new eco-toxicity risk-phrases and with fewer exemptions.
- R6: A new requirement banning the use of chlorine-based plastics.
- R7: A new requirement banning a list of phthalates for their use in the external cable.
- R9: A new requirement requiring a declaration of NF_3-use during LCD-display/TFT-cell production.
- R12: New requirements for packaging material; 80% re-cycled (post-consumer) cardboard and a ban of halogenated organic substances in packaging material.
- A maximum energy requirement has been removed.
- Requirements for heavy metals have been removed.
- The harmonization with the EU Ecolabel for televisions is no longer available.

Nordic Ecolabel appreciate comments on all the changes made, and we are in particular interested in comment on R9 and on the possibility to obtain declarations from LCD/TFT-cell-producers. We are aware that no other Ecolabel schemes have introduced a criterion on NF_3 used during LCD-display/TFT-cell production.

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 **audiovisual 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 comments via the web-site, but comments by e-mail, or by post are also welcome. Marianne B. Eskeland is our contact person in Norway, and please address your comments to her:

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We look forward to receiving your comments by **28 February 2013**.

Regards
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