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Consultation proposal – criteria for the ecolabelling of cosmetic products

Nordic Ecolabelling has developed revised criteria for the ecolabelling of cosmetic products. The documents, including background document, form for feedback and list of recipients, have been published on our webpage www.ecolabel.no.

The proposal has been prepared in a working group within the Nordic Ecolabelling. The working group has been lead by Terhi Uusitalo from Ecolabelling Finland.

The most important changes compared to version 1 are:

- Combining the criteria documents for cosmetics (090) and soaps and shampoos (027)
- New requirements regarding biodegradability and the content of environmentally harmful substances
- New substances are added to the list of substances that must not be present in the product
- Tightened up and changed the requirement for CDV (critical dilution volume). The concept of GN is phased out.
- Introduction of voluntary requirements regarding cosmetics made of renewable and sustainable raw materials
- New and changed requirements on packaging

We especially wish comments on the following matters:

- The two alternative requirements for nanomaterials/particles
- The cut-off limit of the requirement for biodegradability and the content of environmentally harmful substances
- The relevance of the two different levels for constituent substances/contaminants
- The relevance of a separate efficacy requirement for toothpaste
- The test and exception for “mild products”

Nordic Ecolabelling would like comments on the proposed environmental criteria. Please send your comments to Eline Olsborg Hansen by mail or e-mail to coh@ecolabel.no by January 18th 2010.

An overview of the comments we receive will be published.

Regards
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