

Call for public consultation on revised Nordic Ecolabelling criteria for Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids.

Nordic Ecolabelling would like to invite you to comment on the final criteria proposal for Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids, generation 7. Your comments are very important to us in the development of both ambitious as well as market-based criteria.

In order to be taken into consideration, comments should be sent to Nordic Ecolabelling no later than **7 May 2021**.

Nordic Swan Ecolabelled Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids are assessed through a life cycle perspective and fulfil high environmental and health requirements.

Please find the proposed criteria for download further down on this page.

We look forward to your comments.

What has been changed?

The most important changes compared to generation 6 are

- O3 Certified materials from oil palms. New requirement, in line with other more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- O14 Water-soluble film. New requirement on ready biodegradability.

Packaging

- O18-O23 New requirements on Recycled material and Design for recycling of packaging.
- O24 Weight-Utility Ratio - WUR (O18 in gen 6). The limit values of the requirement have been tightened compared to generation 6. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.
- O25 Fill ratio (O19 in gen 6). The limit values of the requirement have been tightened compared to generation 6. Further, they have been differentiated based on product and packaging types.

Consumer guidance

- O26 Washing guidance on packaging. New requirement.

In addition to the above mentioned, we would also like your comments on the following matters

- O2 Classification of the product (O2 in gen 6). A ban on H420 and a restriction on EUH208 has been introduced.
- O5 Prohibited substances (O8 in gen 6). The list has been adjusted and is now in line with more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.
- O6 Phosphorous (O7 in gen 6). The limitation on phosphorous has been tightened for dishwasher detergents.
- O7 Fragrances (O9 in gen 6). Fragrance is not permitted in rinse aid anymore. Fragrance added to the packaging must now also be taken into account for dishwasher detergents. Moreover, the

requirement is adjusted and is now in line with other more recent Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria for cleaning products and detergents.

- O11 Long-term environmental effects (O6 in gen 6). The limit values have been tightened.
- O12 Critical dilution volume – CDV (O14 in gen 6). CDV can now be calculated only with chronic values. The limit values have been tightened for all three categories.
- O16 Performance of the dishwasher detergent (O22 in gen 6). Updated to IKW2015 (including lowered test temperature to 45°C), and updated Nordic Swan specific modifications.
- O17 Performance of the rinse aid. New test method. Please also note that multifunctional dishwasher detergents with rinse aid function must fulfil this requirement.
- O26 Dosage instructions (O16 in gen 6).
- O28 Information on recycling (O20 in gen 6). The common Nordic pictogram system from 2020 must be used.

We also welcome comments on any other requirement and any other parts of the criteria and background document.

Documents for download

- Criteria proposal (English)
- Background to the proposal (English)
- Calculation sheet (English)

Who can provide input?

All people, companies and institutions who are interested in taking part in the development work of Nordic Ecolabelling criteria for Dishwasher detergents and Rinse aids can provide us with their opinions and comments. We would appreciate if you kindly distribute information about this review to whom it may concern.

How can comments be submitted?

Your input is most valuable to our criteria development. We prefer to receive your answers by e-mail to joutsen@ecolabel.fi

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Consultation webinar

Nordic Ecolabelling will organise a consultation webinar.

Date and time: Friday 12 March at 10:00-11:30 CET.

Place: The webinar will be run in Microsoft Teams. Click [this link](#) for direct access to the webinar. Welcome!