

About Nordic Swan Ecolabelled
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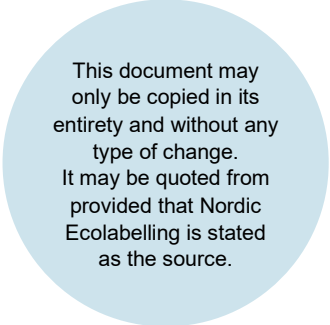
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1 Summary

Nordic Ecolabelling have adopted the Blue Angel criteria of "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219". This means that the criteria are the same as for Blue Angel and that the criteria consists of a link to Blue Angel's criteria. However, in addition there are a requirement regarding description of product(s) and a few country specific requirements.

2 Environmental impact of Imaging equipment

Nordic Ecolabelling have decided to adopt the Blue Angel criteria "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219" published in 2021. The reason for this is that the Blue Angel criteria covers all the areas that also the Nordic Swan Ecolabel would set requirements to.

Blue Angel do not have one background document that explains the background for each requirement as the Nordic Swan Ecolabel has.

The first generation of the Blue Angel criteria for imaging equipment is from 2009 and has been gradually expanded over the years. This means that there is not one background report that explains the development of the entire criteria in one document, but many individual ones that go back to 2009, each focusing on different part of the criteria.

Nordic Ecolabelling has received reports that Blue Angels has used to set the requirements regarding the subjects of emissions of ultrafine particles, design and reuse of plastic, energy efficiency and integrating social criteria.

3 Justification of the requirements

Nordic Ecolabelling have decided to adopt the Blue Angel criteria "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219". The reason for this is that the Blue Angel criteria covers all the areas that also the Nordic Swan Ecolabel would set requirements to, the Blue Angel criteria is quite new (from 2021) and many manufactures/brand owners are certified for the Blue Angel.

3.1 Definition of the product group

Imaging equipment covers printers and multifunction devices, both for private and/or work environment. A multifunction device is a product that performs the core functions of a printer and scanner.

The same devices are covered as are included in the Blue Angel criteria "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219".

3.2 Description of the product

Background to requirement O1 Description of the product

Information about the product is necessary for it to be registered correctly.

3.3 Blue Angel requirements

Nordic Ecolabelling have adopted the Blue Angel criteria of "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219", which means that the requirements are identical to Blue Angel.

Background to requirement O2 Blue Angel criteria

Nordic Ecolabelling has adopted the Blue Angel criteria of "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219", which means that the requirements are identical to Blue Angel.

3.4 Additional requirements

Background to requirement O3 Take-back system

Nordic Ecolabelling have adopted the Blue Angel criteria of "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219", which means that the requirements are identical to Blue Angel.

Products that are labelled with the Nordic Swan Ecolabel must for all the Nordic countries fulfill the requirements for take-back systems specified in the Blue Angel criteria.

Background to requirement O4 Packaging

Nordic Ecolabelling have adopted the Blue Angel criteria of "Office Equipment with Printing Function (Printers and Multifunction Devices) - DE-UZ 219", which means that the requirements are identical to Blue Angel.

To fit the waste sorting system in the Nordic countries, the packaging for private consumers products must in addition to the requirements in Blue Angel be marked with pictograms for recycling according to EUPicto (eupicto.com) or similar.