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Consultation – proposal for criteria for Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of Ski wax generation 1

Nordic Ecolabelling hereby invites you to comment on our proposal for the Nordic Swan Ecolabelling of **Ski wax**.

The proposed criteria have been prepared by representatives from the Nordic Ecolabelling offices under the leadership of Thor Hirsch. Please contact the Norwegian office if you wish to receive a hard copy of the documents and/or a list of the bodies consulted.

The criteria cover glide wax products for all types of skis and boards intended for use on snow. This includes products that improve glide on skin skis. The greatest environmental benefits are achieved by selecting requirements that have most relevance, potential and steerability in the life cycle of the product. The objective is to stimulate skiers that currently use low fluorinated (LF) glide wax products to shift to fluorine-free glide wax products.

A Nordic Swan Ecolabelled ski wax:

- Is fluorine-free
- Provides good glide performance
- Is dirt-repellent
- Has good wear resistance
- Has been proved to be as good as equivalent fluorine-containing waxes.

Nordic Ecolabelling would appreciate comments on the entire set of criteria in general, and particularly to the following points:

- «What can carry the Nordic Swan Ecolabel»: Glide wax products for all types of skis and boards intended for use on snow. This includes products that improve glide on skin skis. Base prep waxes, kick/grip waxes, klistert and wax removers cannot be Nordic Swan Ecolabelled.
- All organofluorine compounds are banned. At the same time, Nordic Ecolabelling intends to ensure that organofluorine compounds are not being replaced by chemicals with other properties that have adverse effects on the environment and health. This is achieved by specific requirements to all ingoing substances (Requirements O2-O5).
- The criteria should ensure that the products are of high quality, by requirements on functionality (Requirements O6-O8).

We would very much appreciate your comments on the proposed requirements. The contact person in Norway is Thor Hirsch (phone +47 976 05 985 or e-mail th@svanemarket.no). We kindly ask you to send your



comments to us no later than **March 10th 2018**, via the submission form on our website, by mail or by e-mail to post@svanemarket.no.

A summary of consultation comments that are received will be available at Nordic Ecolabelling.

Best regards
Nordic Ecolabelling

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anita Winsnes'.

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Attachments