



Revision of EU Ecolabel criteria and Green Public Procurement criteria for the product group "Textiles"

Stakeholder Questionnaire

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This questionnaire is a part of the Project “Revision of EU Ecolabel and GPP criteria for Textiles”.

Introduction

Stakeholder involvement in this project is very important. This questionnaire is the first possibility for stakeholders to give input to the project. Later in project, drafts of the EU Ecolabel criteria and supporting technical reports will be circulated. These drafts will be discussed at two working group meetings planned to take place in 2012. Meetings will be open to all stakeholders.

The first stage of the project aims to produce a preliminary report containing updated market and technical analyses. With this questionnaire, the stakeholders are asked to provide us with their experience and inputs in the field of EU Ecolabel and GPP criteria for textiles.

The objective of the questionnaire is to obtain specific information which will be a part of the preliminary report.

Please send your input to jwa@ecolabel.dk (CC: Jiannis-Stefan.KOUGOULIS@ec.europa.eu) no later than November 1st 2011

All information will be treated confidentially and will only be used as background information in order to propose coherent and realistic criteria.

Please, feel free to forward this questionnaire to any person or organisation which could be potentially interested in the revision process.

The questionnaire is divided into 3 parts addressed to 3 main categories of stakeholders:

1. Competent Bodies
2. License holders and their suppliers
3. Stakeholders involved in making public tenders

Please fill out the parts that are relevant for you.

1: Questionnaire for Competent bodies

This first part is to be filled out by Competent Bodies.

1. Scope of the EU Ecolabel criteria document

a. Do you think the present scope of the criteria document (Article 1) is adequate and precise?

Answer:

b. Have you been contacted by producers or others who have had difficulty in understanding the scope?

Answer:

c. Have you had to deny any textile product the EU Ecolabel because they were considered not to fit the scope? If yes please indicate which ones.

Answer:

d. Do you have any suggestions to broaden the scope?

Answer:

2. Handling applications

a. How many applications for Textiles have you dealt with, or are you dealing with? (If none please proceed to question 3).

Answer:

b. Do you have any suggestions to improve the User manual or the criteria document?

Answer:

c. Have you produced other types of aid (e.g. documents, home page) to help your applicants? If yes please give a short description.

Answer:

d. Which market segments are covered by your licenses? (e.g. children's clothes, work clothes or furniture fabric).

Answer:

3. Stringency of the criteria

a. Have you ever denied an application because any criteria were not fulfilled? If yes please indicate which criteria.

Answer:

b. Is the current verification procedure/test considered sufficient?

Answer:

c. Fitness for use: are the fitness for use criteria complete or do you think that other parameters should be included? If yes, please list these parameters.

Answer:

2: Questionnaire for licence holders

This part is to be filled out by the licence holders and the stakeholders involved in the product chain.

1. Scope of the EU Ecolabel criteria document

a. Do you think the present scope of the criteria document (Article 1) is adequate and precise?

Answer:

b. Have you been contacted by supplier, or others, who have had difficulty in understanding the scope?

Answer:

d. Do you have any suggestions to broaden the scope?

Answer:

2. Experience from making an application

a. How did you find the application process?

Answer:

b. Do you have any suggestions to improve the User manual or the criteria document?

Answer:

c. Have your Competent Body produced other types of aid (e.g. documents, home page) to help you make the application? If yes, please give a short description.

Answer:

d. Which market segments are covered by your licence? (e.g. children's clothes, work wear or furniture fabric).

Answer:

e. How do you find the administrative work in relation to documenting the criteria?

Answer:

3. Specific questions to the criteria document

a. Organic cotton: how large is the proportion of organic cotton, calculated on an annual basis, in your company?

Answer:

b. Organic cotton: how large is the proportion of organic cotton in the collection of ecolabeled products?

Answer:

c. Fibres: Are the fibre types listed in the document complete or do you have suggestions for fibres that has to be included? If yes, please list the fibres in questions.

Answer:

d. Chemicals: Are the chemicals listed in the document complete or do you have suggestions for chemicals that has to be included? If yes, please list the type of chemical in questions

Answer:

e. Metal complex dyes: do you or you supplier use metal complex dyes?

Answer:

f. Fitness for use: are the fitness for use criteria complete or do you have suggestions to other parameters that should be included? If yes, please list the parameters in questions.

Answer:

g. Is the levels of the fitness for use parameters reflecting the performance levels requested by your customers? If no, is the customer requirements higher or lower?

Answer:

4. How does your organization work with CSR (corporate social responsibility?)

a. Do you have a policy for CSR? If yes, please submit further details.

Answer:

b. Have your organization signed national/international declarations, e.g. "Global Compact"? If yes, please submit further details.

Answer:

C: Does your organization work according to an international scheme or standard, e.g. SA8000 or ISO26001, or does it hold one of these certifications? If yes, please submit further details.
Answer:

3: Questionnaire for Green Public Procurement (GPP)

This part is to be filled out by the people involved in making or evaluating public tenders.

1. Scope of the EU Ecolabel criteria document

a. Do you use environmental parameters in your tenders? If yes do you use EU Ecolabel/GPP Criteria? Please specify also for which products you use environmental parameters.

Answer:

b. Do you think the present scope of the criteria document (Article 1) is adequate and precise?

Answer:

c. Do you have any suggestions to broaden the scope?

Answer:

d. Do you use the complete EU Criteria document or just part of it? If only parts are used, please specify which ones.

Answer:

e. Do you use other environmental parameters than the ones specified in the EU Ecolabel?

Answer:

2. Do you include criteria for CSR (corporate social responsibility) in your tenders?

a. If yes, do you ask for a policy for CSR? Please specify which one.

Answer:

b. If yes, do you ask the bidder to have signed national/international declarations, e.g. "Global Compact"? Please specify which one.

Answer:

c. If yes, do you ask the bidder to a certification according to an international scheme or standard, e.g. SA8000 or ISO26001? Please specify which one.

Answer:

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