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In the last 20 years, the tourism industry has witnessed the proliferation of many ecolabels with different scopes and criteria and sometimes with a limited area of recognition, which has caused confusion among guests. In order to offer a tool useful for consumers and recognised all over Europe, in 2001 the European Union decided to extend its official ecolabel to the hospitality sector. Fifteen years since its introduction, Italy represents the first country in Europe in

terms of adhesion to the European Ecolabel while in other countries like Austria, Spain and France, only a limited number of properties are certified. This paper aims at presenting a study of 36 Italian accommodation establishments with the European Ecolabel (out of 194, the 18.6% of the total) and analyses their motivations, difficulties, costs, and benefits deriving from its implementations. This technical report is aimed at providing a sound base to the revision process of the EU Ecolabel criteria for Soil improvers and Growing Media. Currently, separate sets of EU Ecolabel criteria exist for Soil improvers (Decision 2006/799/EC) and Growing media (Decision 2007/64/EC). The revision process spanned both product groups; thus common criteria for both Soil improvers and Growing media are developed, only distinguishing between technical product characteristics where necessary. Another objective of this revision is addressing the possibility to broaden the current scope to the product mulch, as it has been identified as a differentiated sub-product within the product group 'soil improvers'. To achieve those objectives, a Preliminary Report was produced together with the first version of this technical report as a working document. Hence, this document was developed to undergo the stakeholder consultation, which is crucial to come up with criteria adapted to the market reality while being able to select the best environmental performance products available on the market. After an extensive stakeholder's consultation process, this current version of the Technical Report supporting the draft criteria for growing media, soil improvers and mulch, constitutes the support of the criteria set voted positive by the Regulatory Committee. The general objective of the present study is to support the implementation of the EU Ecolabel identifying elements for a future strategy. The project team performed a market analysis highlighting water, electricity, gas, transport recreation and culture services, food and non-alcoholic beverages, restaurants and hotels as the most consumed per household budget expenditure. The analysis on the attitude of consumers toward green products and services showed food, beverages and over-the-counter drugs, shoes and apparel, household appliances and electronics, lotions, detergents and creams, paper products, household detergents, mobility and financial services as the most frequently purchased. The comparative analysis between EU Ecolabel and other ecolabelling schemes identified cosmetic products, education services, meeting and events, restaurant and catering services, toner and cartridges and financial products as the most successful product groups of the other ecolabels. Through an analysis on the economic sectors with the highest environmental improvement potential, the project team recognised food, housing and transport as the most relevant. Based on these findings and using the results of the stakeholders' consultation,

the project team defined three future scenarios for the EU Ecolabel in addition to the Baseline Scenario. Through the assessment of the scenarios, the project team suggested to pursue a twofold strategy focusing in the short period (by 2023) on consumable goods with a health/well-being connotation and in the long period (by 2028) on food, housing, mobility, education, financial, recreation and cultural sector services. Lastly, the project team developed a methodology for the identification and the discontinuation of EU Ecolabel product groups. With respect to the methodology, the project team considered economic, environmental, social and political criteria with a specific focus on Circular Economy. The methodology was applied to a long-list of possible future product groups. The most favourable future product categories identified are products with a health/well-being connotation; financial, food and transport services; and construction and building-related products. The EU Ecolabel for All-purpose cleaners and sanitary cleaners is under revision. This report is meant to provide a first evaluation of likely areas for investigation and provides the scientific evidence for the revised EU Ecolabel criteria. The technical analysis found that the key environmental impacts of APCs are mainly due to the extraction stage, for window/glass cleaners packaging has larger contributions than ingredient extractions. When warm water is used to rinse off the product during use, the use phase has a significant impact. These findings are reflected in the score of the environmental indicators under consideration. Based on these findings, measures should be developed in close cooperation with stakeholders (industry, academia and interested parties) to improve the formulation of the cleaners, decrease the energy consumed to heat the water and decrease the amount of product used per application, among others. This preliminary report takes part of the revision of the EU Ecolabel criteria for six detergents and cleaners related product groups. The EU Ecolabel revision process is foreseen to be held simultaneously. The progress of these discussions can be followed through the official website: <http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/detergents/index.html>. This Technical Report presents the EU Ecolabel criteria for Printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products, as published in Commission Decision (EU) 2020/1803 of 27 November 2020 (EC, 2020b), and provides the supporting rationale and background research for each criterion. The final criteria are the result of a broad consultation including interaction at two Ad-Hoc Working Group meetings, discussions with specialised stakeholders within the technical subgroup for recyclability aspects as well as dialogue with Commission colleagues and EU Ecolabel Board members. The main criteria are split into the following: Recyclability that targets product circularity.

Emissions to water and air. Waste management and quantity of paper for recycling from the manufacturing process. Energy use addressed by means of an energy management system. Substrate sourcing (requiring the use of EU Ecolabel substrate). Hazardous substances (horizontal restrictions for SVHCs and substances with certain CLP classifications plus specific restrictions in defined circumstances for biocidal products and biocidal active substances, cleaning agents, APEOs, halogenated solvents and phthalates, printing inks, toners and varnishes, and toluene recovery from rotogravure printing). Decision (EU) 2020/1803 effectively merges revised criteria from two different Commission Decisions: EU Ecolabel criteria for converted paper products (2014/256/EU) and EU Ecolabel criteria for printed paper products (2012/481/EU). Commission Decision 2020/1803 establishes EU Ecolabel criteria for a new, combined product group: Printed paper, stationery paper, and paper carrier bag products. This analysis looks closer at the synergies and positioning between the fee structures and criteria of the two ecolabels, the dissemination and success of the two labels within different product groups and the experience with co-existence between the EU Ecolabel and other national and regional ecolabels. The analysis does this by performing interviews with representatives from the five Nordic ecolabelling secretariats, interviews with representatives from ecolabelling secretariats from France, Germany, the Netherlands and Austria as well as through a desk research of available material. The analysis is conducted by DAMVAD with expert assistance from Åke Thidell, Lund University. The project is commissioned by the Swan group under the Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production (HKP-gruppen) of the Nordic Council of Ministers. This second and fully revised edition brings together some of the most influential work on the theory and practice of contemporary EU environmental policy. Comprising five comprehensive parts, it includes in-depth case studies of contemporary policy issues such as climate change, genetically modified organisms and trans-Atlantic relations, as well as an assessment of how well the EU is responding to new challenges such as enlargement, environmental policy integration and sustainability. The book's aim is to look forward and ask whether the EU is prepared or even able to respond to the 'new' governance challenges posed by the perceived need to use 'new' policy instruments and processes to 'mainstream' environmental thinking in all EU policy sectors. The priorities underlying European environmental policy-making have undergone change since the early 1990s. This overview of policy changes at supranational level situates them in the general conceptual debate on effective implementation. The EU Ecolabels for Laundry detergents and Industrial and Institutional Laundry detergents is under revision. This report is meant to provide a first evaluation of likely areas for investigation and provides the scientific evidence for the revised EU Ecolabels criteria. The identification of the main hotspots is carried out in this study by means of an initial extensive literature review and subsequent LCA studies. LCA studies shown that the energy used for heating the washing water during the use stage, has an impact in all the environmental categories under study but

especially on fossil fuel depletion and global warming potential. The extraction and processing of raw materials that cause impacts on the categories such as mineral depletion, land use and energy use as well as the emissions to the environment (discharge of wastewater) has also impacts of importance depending on the scenario under consideration. The study reveals that there are several improvement opportunities such as detergent compaction which can bring savings in resources or reduction in the wash temperature. Changes in the detergent formulation can also reduce the impacts in different categories. This preliminary report takes part of the revision of the EU Ecolabel criteria for six detergents and cleaners related product groups. The EU Ecolabel revision process is foreseen to be held simultaneously. The progress of these discussions can be followed through the official website: <http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/detergents/index.html>. Eco-labelling is an increasingly popular way of meeting consumer's demands for environmental information about the products they purchase. The first book on this important subject collects contributions from the academic, policy-making and commercial spheres to look at the conceptual and practical issues, and to discuss how eco-labelling can be made effective and equitable, and must avoid distorting international trade to the detriment of developing countries. Within the EU Ecolabel Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 66/2010), the European Commission carried out a revision of the EU Ecolabel criteria for 'growing media, soil improvers and mulch', set by Commission Decision 2015/2099 and valid until 30 June 2022. The main purpose of the final technical report is to provide background information and reasoning for the proposed EU Ecolabel criteria after revision. Although the proposed criteria were harmonised with the Fertilising Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 2019/1009), they set an overall higher ambition level compared to it. In general, the proposed criteria are characterised by five main features. (1) More secondary raw materials were accepted as components of the product. This incentivises circular economy processes and in particular promotes a more resource-efficient use of organic matter and nutrients. (2) The permitted content of contaminants, e.g. heavy metals, was decreased. This improves the safety of the products and it reduces the possible detrimental effects on humans, animals, plants or the environment in general. (3) New principles set by the latest EU strategies were included, with particular reference to biodiversity and soil. (4) The content of impurities, such as plastics, metal and glass, was proposed to the limits set by technical feasibility. (5) A more stringent requirement was set for carbon dioxide emissions produced when manufacturing mineral growing media. This Technical Report presents the EU Ecolabel criteria for Graphic Paper, Tissue Paper and Tissue Products, as published in Commission Decision (EU) 2019/70, and provides supporting rationale and background research for each criterion. The final criteria are the result of a broad consultation exercise including stakeholder interaction at two Ad-Hoc Working Group meetings (one in Seville and one in Brussels), discussions with specialised stakeholders in particular sub-groups (for emissions, for

energy and for hazardous substances) as well as dialogue with Commission colleagues and EU Ecolabel Board members. The four main criteria are split into: - Emissions to air and water (CO₂, NO_x and S emitted to air and COD, P and AOX emitted to water). - Energy consumption (fuel and electricity). - Fibre sourcing (minimum sustainable virgin and/or recycled fibre content). - Hazardous substances (horizontal restrictions for SVHCs and substances with certain CLP classifications plus specific restrictions for chlorine, APEOs, surfactants, biocidal products, azo dyes, metal-complex dye stuffs and pigments and lotions in defined circumstances). Decision (EU) 2019/70 effectively combines the revision of previous criteria from three different Commission Decisions. The revision of criteria in Decision 2011/332/EU for Copying and Graphic Paper and Decision 2012/448/EU for Newsprint Paper were merged under Annex I of the new Decision while the revision of criteria in Decision 2009/568/EC for Tissue Paper is contained in Annex II of Decision (EU) 2019/70. Some of the main changes that have occurred to the criteria content are as follows: - Emission values for P, COD, AOX, S and NO_x have been updated based predominantly on data available following the BREF exercise for pulp, paper and board production. - Emission values for CO₂ have been updated based on data provided by stakeholders and on approaches taken by the Nordic Ecolabel scheme. - Specific energy consumption values have been updated based on data available in the literature and data provided by stakeholders. A new threshold has also been set for higher performance "structured" tissue paper products. - There is no longer any distinction between recycled fibres and sustainable virgin fibres for EU Ecolabel criteria. This approach is now better aligned with the "FSC mix" and "PEFC certified" approaches. The minimum "sustainable fibre" content (i.e. sum of sustainable virgin and any recycled fibre) has increased from 50% to 70%. - Fragrances are now banned in Tissue Paper products. The horizontal SVHC and CLP restrictions now apply to Tissue Paper and Tissue Products as well. The criteria development process is reflected in the evolution of earlier draft versions of the Technical Report, which are all publically available at the following webpage: http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Paper_products/ Not only ecolabelling and energy labeling but also its wider framework, namely, the idea of sustainable consumption and production are recent issues of the globe compared to consumer product safety which dates back to the 19th century. Previous studies analyze the regulation of ecolabelling and energy labeling neglecting its common aspects with product labeling for human health and safety purposes. This article focuses on the development of those three types of product labels, namely, CE Marking, EU Energy Label and EU Ecolabel employed in the European Union (EU) also with a view to predict their future. It is revealed that increasing societal awareness in ecological issues tend to converge earlier measures of product safety labelling (CE Marking) into new measures of ecolabelling (EU Ecolabel) in terms of substance. Secondly, the Article shows that both EU Energy Label and EU Ecolabel tend to converge into CE Marking particularly in terms of standardisation procedures as well as conformity assessment, market

surveillance and enforcement. Interestingly, convergence tends to occur in both directions regarding the substance and standardisation of EU Ecolabel vis-à-vis CE Marking. In the end, it is suggested that EU Ecolabel may (and perhaps should) become mandatory in the future in view of the historical development and justifications regarding mandatory CE Marking and EU Energy Label. On the other hand, a mandatory federal ecolabel does not seem so likely in case of the United States (US) due to its different attitude towards product labeling as well as consumers' impact on the environment. Nevertheless, some procedural convergence is visible among product labels. This second and fully revised edition brings together some of the most influential work on the theory and practice of contemporary EU environmental policy. Comprising five comprehensive parts, it includes in-depth case studies of contemporary policy issues such as climate change, genetically modified organisms and trans-Atlantic relations, as well as an assessment of how well the EU is responding to new challenges such as enlargement, environmental policy integration and sustainability. The book's aim is to look forward and ask whether the EU is prepared or even able to respond to the 'new' governance challenges posed by the perceived need to use 'new' policy instruments and processes to 'mainstream' environmental thinking in all EU policy sectors. It is easier than you think to make the responsible choice for your home, work or free time. Look for the EU ecolabel for products and services that are better for the environment and better for you. It is the label that makes green choices easy. (Additional information: www.ecolabel.eu). This report presents criteria for EU Ecolabel hard covering products, as adopted in Commission Decision (EU) 2021/76 of 16 March 2021. The criteria are presented together with supporting rationale, which was derived from a combination of scientific research and stakeholder consultation. The final criteria are the culmination of 3+ year process, which started with a scoping questionnaire released in October 2017. This was followed by the publication of a draft preliminary report and initial criteria proposals in November 2018 and subsequent revisions following two stakeholder meetings (in December 2018 and October 2019) and a final round of modifications made in July 2020. The draft documents can be consulted at the JRC project website: <https://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/product-bureau//product-groups/413/documents> The product group applies to four main types of product sectors: natural stone, agglomerated stone, ceramics and precast concrete. A number of horizontally applicable criteria have been defined as well as sector specific criteria. Since a significant portion of environmental impacts are associated with some of the intermediate products (quarry blocks for natural stone products and cement for precast concrete products), the possibility for awarding the EU Ecolabel to these business-to-business products has been enabled. The criteria presented include mandatory requirements as well as optional requirements which can result in the awarding of points. If enough points are gained and all mandatory requirements are met, the product can be awarded the EU Ecolabel. The scoring approach allows for greater weighting to be applied to criteria associated with larger

environmental impacts and also encourages continuous environmental improvement for license holders. Broadly speaking for all four product sectors, the criteria predominantly focus on: Improving energy efficiency (setting benchmarks where possible and requiring specific energy consumption reduction plans in other cases). Reducing emissions that contribute to Global Warming Potential (via CO2 emission limits for combustion-dominated or the incentivisation of renewables for electricity-dominated processes). Reducing emissions from combustion processes that contribute to acidification (SOx and NOx). Reducing dust emissions, both to the wider environment and in production facilities. Improving water efficiency via recycling of process water and reducing contamination of local watercourses via requirements on wastewater treatment. Improving material efficiency via the incentivisation of recycled content, the reuse/resale of by-products and improved extraction efficiencies. The importance of choosing the correct performance class and dimensions of hard covering products for a given use is addressed by setting requirements on fitness for use. The importance of correct installation and maintenance of hard covering products on life cycle impacts is also addressed by setting requirements on user information. This Technical Report aims at providing a technical basis to the revision process of the EU Ecolabel criteria for Rinse-off cosmetic products. The set of criteria currently in force was adopted in 2014 (Commission Decision 2014/893/EU). The revised EU Ecolabel criteria are set to cover a much wider scope: all cosmetic products as defined in the Cosmetic Product Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009). Moreover, a separate set of criteria was developed for animal care products. The product group has been renamed as 'cosmetic products' and 'animal care products'. To support the revision process, a first version of this technical report was produced as a working document, which was updated and complemented as the revision developed. This document provided the rationale to the revised criteria proposal and summarized the research and the outcome of three stakeholder consultations, which were crucial to develop revised criteria that are able to select the best environmental products available on the market while taking into account the state of the art of the market. After a revision process that lasted 30 months, this is the final version of the Technical Report which supports the final criteria for cosmetic products and animal care products. The EU Ecolabel is the official European Union label for environmental excellence. The EU Ecolabel is awarded to sustainably designed products, encouraging innovation and contributing to the EU goal of climate neutrality by 2050, and to a clean and circular economy with a zero-pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment. Consumers are increasingly looking for healthy and sustainable products for themselves and their pets. Through the EU Ecolabel, industry can offer true and reliable eco-friendly alternatives to conventional animal care products, empowering consumers to make informed choices and play an active role in the ecological transition. The EU Ecolabel criteria aim to reduce the environmental impact of animal care products on water, soil and biodiversity, contributing to a clean and circular economy and to a toxic-free environment. The EU Ecolabel promotes Europe's

transition to a zero pollution and circular economy, by minimising products' impact on the environment. Materials are carefully selected to stay in a loop, so new products begin when old ones end. EU Ecolabel products: minimise waste, pollution and CO2 emissions, restrict the use of hazardous chemicals, use energy, water and raw materials wisely, are long-lasting, easy to repair and recycle, promote green innovation. The EU Ecolabel is the official European Union label for environmental excellence. The EU Ecolabel is awarded to sustainably designed products, encouraging innovation and contributing to the EU goal of climate neutrality by 2050, and to the clean and circular economy with a zero-pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment. Consumers are increasingly looking for sustainable options for gardening and horticulture. Through the EU Ecolabel, industry can offer true and reliable eco-friendly alternatives to conventional growing media and organic soil improvers (including mulch), empowering consumers to make informed choices and play an active role in the ecological transition. Ambitious criteria, focusing on the main environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of the products, ensure that EU Ecolabel growing media and soil improvers are of good quality and among the best on the market in terms of environmental performance. The European Union (EU) has sought to establish itself as a global environmental leader but was hit by the combined effects of the economic and financial crisis from 2007-8 leading some to question whether the EU could continue to adopt ambitious environmental policy. This volume brings together leading environmental policy scholars to analyse the impacts of the crisis upon environmental policy in the EU and its member states. Authors analyse whether environmental policy has been dismantled, expanded or stayed the same. If policy has been dismantled, the kind of strategy adopted is analysed (active, symbolic, arena-shifting, or dismantling by default), and at what levels change has occurred. The Index of Policy Activity (IPA) is applied systematically across the cases, which combine quantitative with qualitative analysis. Non-European cases are also included to provide a counterpoint for comparison. The book finds that whilst the EU has not actively dismantled environmental policy, its economic policies have had negative effects upon some Member States, prompting policy dismantling. Climate and energy policies have seen some policy expansion but there are examples, most notably the UK, where there has also been active policy dismantling. The main trend is one of stasis - environmental policy in Europe is judged to have plateaued calling into question Europe's much-vaunted environmental leadership. The book contributes to scholarship on environmental policy and public administration, combining empirical and methodological insights to give an up to date perspective on the impact of crisis upon European environmental policy. The purpose of the analysis is to study the implications it can have for a company to acquire the Swan License. The analysis takes a broad focus and investigates the following three themes: •The motivation for companies to acquire the Swan Label •The implementation of the Swan Label •The impact of acquiring the Swan Label The project aims at doing this by performing company visits to 16 companies from the

five Nordic countries representing different company sizes and sectors. The project is commissioned by the Swan group under the Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production group (HKP gruppen) of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The analysis is conducted by DAMVAD with expert assistance from Åke Thidell, Lund University. The EU Ecolabel is awarded to sustainably designed products, encouraging innovation, and contributing to the EU goal of climate neutrality by 2050 and to the circular economy. Through the EU Ecolabel, industry can offer consumers an eco-friendly alternative to conventional paper products, and help them lower their daily environmental impact. The objective of this study is to carry out a test run in relation to the draft EU Ecolabel criteria for financial products and in particular to test the application of draft criterion I for equity funds to a sample of 101 "green" UCITS equity funds domiciled in the EU27. Focused on the EU environmental objective "climate change mitigation", we analyse the share of EU Taxonomy aligned revenues of these funds' constituents and hence provide insights into the potential qualification of the equity funds under draft criterion I. The results show that from the sample, only three "green" UCITS equity funds qualify under draft Ecolabel criterion I. This finding is driven by two main factors. First, a lack of relevant data disclosed by the constituents of the "green" UCITS equity funds, and second, the (as of yet) limited scope of the EU Taxonomy, which has so far only been defined for a subset of economic sectors. Disclosure obligations under the EU Taxonomy and the Non-Financial Reporting Directive will help address data gaps (at least for large and publicly listed EU companies), while the expansion of the EU Taxonomy to other environmental objectives will enlarge the universe of potentially EU Taxonomy eligible economic activities. We gratefully acknowledge support provided by JRC. Eco-labelling is one of the key tools used by policy-makers in many parts of the world to encourage more sustainable production and consumption. By providing environmental information on products and services, eco-labels address both business users and consumers and range from mandatory approaches, such as required product declarations, to voluntary approaches, such as national eco-labels. Eco-labels can play an important role in environmental policy. They reward and promote environmentally superior goods and services and offer information on quality and performance with respect to issues such as health and energy consumption. Eco-labels fit well into a multi-stakeholder policy framework – as promulgated recently by the EU's integrated product policy (IPP) – since the development of criteria for labels and the acceptance in the market requires the involvement of a wide range of different parties, from government and business, to consumers and environmental organisations. However, many eco-labelling schemes have had troubled histories, and questions have been raised about their effectiveness. So, are eco-labels an effective tool to foster the development, production, sale and use of products and to provide consumers with good information about the environmental impacts of those products? Is eco-labelling useful to business as a marketing tool? What factors contribute to the development of successful schemes?

More than ten years after its establishment, can the EU Flower be considered a success? Are national eco-labels such as the German Blue Angel and the Norwegian White Swan more effective? Should eco-labels be harmonised? Are eco-labels achieving their original aim of fostering sustainable production and consumption? For which product groups are ISO type I eco-labels appropriate and inappropriate? Are other labels, such as mandatory, ISO type II and ISO type III labels more effective in some cases? Are eco-labels focusing on the main environmental policy targets or just on "low-hanging fruit"? Are eco-labels really linked to other tools of IPP? The Future of Eco-labelling provides answers to all of these questions. Based on a major EU research exercise, the book plots a course for policy-makers to address some of the historic problems with eco-labelling, to learn what works and what doesn't and to move forward with schemes that can make a real difference to sustainable production and consumption. The book analyses the conditions under which eco-labelling schemes—both mandatory and voluntary—are or can become an efficient and effective tool to achieve given objectives; assesses previous experiences with eco-labels in different European countries and the relationship of these schemes with business strategies, IPP and market conditions; defines strategies aimed at linking eco-labels with other IPP measures; explores how eco-labels can be used to encourage sustainable consumption patterns, create green markets, foster innovation and development of green products and services, and implement multi-stakeholder initiatives; and sets out detailed recommendations for the future of eco-labelling. The book will be required reading for policy-makers, businesses involved with eco-labelling schemes and researchers interested in the development of sustainable production and consumption and IPP worldwide. The EU Ecolabel for hand dishwashing detergents is under revision. This report is meant to provide a first evaluation of likely areas for investigation and provides the scientific evidence for the revised EU Ecolabel criteria. The identification of the main hotspots is carried out in this study by means of an initial extensive literature review and subsequent LCA studies. LCA studies showed that the largest contribution to the environment impact profile of hand dishwashing detergents is, by far, the use phase, particularly the energy needed to heat up the water. For some impact categories, the sourcing of raw materials and the end of life stage are also important. Based on the normalization assessment, by far the most important impact categories for hand dishwashing detergents in Europe are natural land transformation and fossil depletion. The study reveals that there are several improvement opportunities such as reduction on the wash temperature or used of concentrated detergents. Changes in the detergent formulation can also reduce the impacts in different categories. This preliminary report takes part of the revision of the EU Ecolabel criteria for six detergents and cleaners related product groups. The EU Ecolabel revision process is foreseen to be held simultaneously. The progress of these discussions can be followed through the official website: <http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/detergents/index.html>. A well-researched and unique account, this volume provides an in-depth

assessment of the European Commission consultation exercises from a novel perspective, namely from a set of criteria inspired by deliberative democracy theories. Examining what happens in concrete instances of consultation, this investigation also chronicles a series of related issues such as environmental governance, policy implementation, and the better regulation framework. Via case studies and analysis, this investigation allows for a greater understanding of the interaction between the European Commission and interest groups. This book explores how EU law constrains the freedom of the EU, the Member States, and private bodies to adopt measures that seek to protect social and environmental interests abroad by placing conditions on production processes in other states. The permissibility of such process-based measures has been examined primarily within the World Trade Organization (WTO) context, but the challenges that they present are equally for the EU internal market system. Ankersmit identifies three core challenges posed by process-based measures from an EU law perspective: extraterritoriality, unilateralism and the competitive and democratic problems created by private rule-making. It examines these issues in the context of free movement, competition, public procurement, and EU tax law. This book will appeal to academics, policy makers and practitioners interested in trade and environment, the social impact of trade law, and European and international market regulation. The EU Ecolabel is the official European Union label for environmental excellence. The EU Ecolabel is awarded to sustainably designed products, encouraging innovation and contributing to the EU goal of climate neutrality by 2050, and to the clean and circular economy with a zero-pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment. Consumers are increasingly looking for healthy and sustainable cosmetics options. Through the EU Ecolabel, industry can offer true and reliable eco-friendly alternatives to conventional cosmetics, empowering consumers to make informed choices and play an active role in the ecological transition. The EU Ecolabel criteria aim to reduce the environmental impact of cosmetics on air, water, soil and biodiversity, contributing to a clean and circular economy and to a toxic-free environment. EU Environmental Law discusses the reality for legal practice throughout the EU, as environmental law of the Member States is becoming ever less 'national'. Consequentially European environmental regulation is becoming more complex and interrelated, making it an emerging field of study for European law graduates, and an area of increasing exposure to the legal profession. This book gives readers a thorough overview of core European environmental law, with a section on the basic framework and principles, as well as on substantive law issues giving insight into the legislation in the different sectors and the most topical developments.

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