

1. OUTLINE of the PROGRAMME

The name of our eco-labelling programme is National Programme of Environmental Assessment and Ecolabelling in the Slovak Republic (NPEHOV).

Competent body is Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic and technical support is Slovak Environmental Agency.

Our logo-mark is in Annex 1.

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II. PROGRAMME PREPARATION & TIME SCHEDULE

The introduction of our eco-labelling programme determined on February 1996. The introduction of our eco-labelling programme was a national policy. The programme started to accept the application for the label on April 1997.

The cooperating programme : Czech Ecolabelling Programme, German Ecolabelling Programme, Nordic Ecolabelling Programme.

The referred programme: Council Regulation 880/92 EEC.

III. FINANCE & FEES

The programme is financed by governmental funding and by fees:

Application Fee 5 000, Sk (1 USD ~ 50 Sk)
License Fee 0,01 % Annual Production Volume

IV. PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Annex 2

V. CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

Annex 3

VI. PROCEDURES

The process of awarding the ecolabel „Environmental friendly product“ includes:

- Administrative procedures: registration form, environmental audit, observance of legislative requirements, certificate of environmental criteria fulfilment issued by authorized and accredited bodies
- Products' requirements: quality, influence on human health and environment, consumer safety
- Controlling – once a year

VII. CURRENT SITUATION and FUTURE CHALLENGES

- The administrative body has been established.
- The procedures for administration, product selection, criteria development and certification have been determined.
- Product categories have been determined.
- Criteria development has been progressing.
- Criteria have been determined.

Future challenges:

- widening product categories: wood sheets, textile products, liquid cleaners, powdery limestone, adsorbents
- strategy of LCA on the basis of standards ISO 14 040 for national programme under development

VIII. Additional Comments

- Presentation of proposal of Statute about Ecolabelling and proposal of Statute about EMAS in Slovak Government on March 2002
- Both statutes transpose and implement Regulations EU No. 761/2001/EC and No. 1980/2000/EC
- In proposal of statute about ecolabelling is determined that the National Ecolabelling Programme and EU Ecolabelling Programme will work parallel

Support

- Know-how in public hearing and reporting, supporting of “green products” demand
- Integrated products' policy with the aim of producers' support
- In accordance with widening of environmental criteria to establish the new test methods in accredited laboratories
- Participation in international environmental associations like an observer