

# Environment

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## ECO-LABEL

Regulation (EC) [No 1980/2000](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 on a revised Community eco-label award scheme

### Objective

To promote the design, production, marketing and use of products, as well as of services which have a reduced environmental impact during their entire life cycle. It also aims at providing consumers with better information on the environmental impact of products and services.

### Relevance for the hospitality industry

This Regulation provides a framework for the development of eco-labels; one eco-label deals with accommodation.

### State of progress

The Regulation was adopted on 17 July 2000.

A new Commission proposal ([COM\(2008\) 401 final](#)) for a regulation on a Community Eco-label Scheme (replacing the current Regulation [No 1980/2000](#)) is being discussed within the European Institutions.

### Content

The EU eco-label award scheme is a market-based voluntary instrument. Products and services that meet strict ecological and performance criteria are awarded with the Flower logo. This logo can be displayed as a marketing tool to show consumers that a product has a superior environmental performance.

Foodstuffs and drinks are excluded from the scope of the Regulation.

For a summary of this Regulation you can visit the [SCADplus](#) website (European Commission).

The Commission proposal ([COM\(2008\) 401 final](#)), currently being discussed, suggests extending the EU eco-label to processed food and to the products of fishing and aquaculture. However, on its legislative resolution, ([T6-0209/2009](#)), the European Parliament expresses the view that food and drinks should be excluded from the scope.

For a detailed overview of the state of progress and related documents of the Commission proposal you can visit [PreLex](#) (European Commission) or [OEIL](#) (European Parliament).

### HOTREC position

HOTREC supports voluntary actions aimed at achieving a more sustainable production and consumption.

### Official references

Regulation (EC) [No 1980/2000](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 on a revised Community eco-label award scheme, O.J. L 237, 21.9.2000.

See also:

Proposal for a Regulation ([COM\(2008\) 401 final](#)) of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community Eco-label Scheme

European Parliament legislative resolution ([T6-0209/2009](#)) of 2 April 2009 on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community Eco-label scheme