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The following comments on the Principles and Guidelines for Environmental Labelling and Advertising, are provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Environment in response to correspondence dated July 19, 2001 from Raymond Pierce, Industry Canada to Byron James, Chair, Environmental Planning & Protection committee of the CCME.

1. The meaning of the two forms of the mobius loop symbol has been altered from the PGELA. This may result in confusion among consumers.
2. There are no limits on time requirements for biodegradability. Guidance for labelling is insufficient.
3. Use of the term biodegradable, as defined, without qualifying statements may be misleading. A biodegradable substance can represent a significant threat to the environment, human health or wildlife.
4. Ideally, materials should not be able to be marked with the mobius loop if they are not recycleable in the province in which they are to be purchased.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

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