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## OVERVIEW KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR COSMOS SIGNATURES: COSMOS ORGANIC, COSMOS NATURAL, COSMOS CERTIFIED AND COSMOS APPROVED

The following information is intended for Accreditation and Certification Bodies with an interest to offer services according to COSMOS-standard. The requirements as summarized here are based on the COSMOS-standard, the COSMOS-standard Control Manual and the COSMOS-standard Labelling Guide. The scheme documents are available on [www.cosmos-standard.org](http://www.cosmos-standard.org).

<i>COSMOS-standard signature</i>	<b>COSMOS ORGANIC</b>	<b>COSMOS NATURAL</b>	<b>COSMOS CERTIFIED</b>	<b>COSMOS APPROVED</b>
<i>Categories</i>	<b>COSMETIC FINISHED PRODUCTS</b>		<b>COSMETIC INGREDIENTS</b>	
	COSMOS-certified ORGANIC cosmetic finished products	COSMOS-certified NATURAL cosmetic finished products	COSMOS-certified physically processed and chemically-processed agro-ingredients	Approved raw materials without organic content
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	Subcontractor, Manufacturer and Brand owner of organic products	Subcontractor, Manufacturer and Brand owner of natural products	Subcontractor, Manufacturer and Brand owner of raw materials with organic content	Manufacturer and Brand owner of raw materials without organic content
<i>Scope</i>	Scope 1: Certification of organic or natural cosmetic products, raw materials with organic content, base formulas			Scope 2: Non-certification scope for approval of non-organic raw materials that can be used in certified products

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<i>Labelling and communication</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 10</i>  <i>Labelling guide: Chapter 4 to 8</i>	The following requirements are compulsory on labels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'COSMOS ORGANIC' signature</li> <li>• Mention of the certification body</li> <li>• Mention of the % of organic and natural origin content</li> <li>• Indication of organic ingredients in the INCI list</li> </ul>	The following requirements are compulsory on labels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'COSMOS NATURAL' signature</li> <li>• Mention of the certification body</li> <li>• Mention of the % of natural origin content</li> </ul>	The following requirements are compulsory on labels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'COSMOS CERTIFIED' signature</li> <li>• Mention of the certification body</li> <li>• Mention of the % of organic content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No claim to an organic certification allowed</li> <li>• The 'COSMOS APPROVED' signature can be used</li> </ul>
<i>Ingredients</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 5, 6, 7.4 and Appendix I to V, VIII</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precautionary principles: Nanomaterials, GMOs and Irradiation are forbidden</li> <li>• Sustainability: Specific criteria on palm oil, palm kernel oil and derivatives; requirements to be of organic origin or certified sustainable (CSPO) using as a minimum the mass balance supply chain model (not required for complex mixtures, such as perfumes and elements of perfumes or ingredients that are extracted using petrochemical solvents)</li> <li>• All ingredients must be validated according to their category and process (Water, Minerals, PPAI, CPAI, other ingredients)</li> </ul>			

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<i>Formulations</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 6 and 7, Appendix V, Appendix VI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 20% of organic content or at least 10% for rinse-off product, non-emulsified aqueous products, and products with at least 80% minerals or ingredients of mineral origin</li> <li>• At least 95% of the PPAI must be organic origin</li> <li>• The remaining PPAI must be organic if they are listed in Appendix VI</li> <li>• The CPAI listed in Appendix VII must be organic</li> <li>• Maximum of 2% of petrochemical moieties (Appendix V)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No minimum of organic content</li> <li>• Maximum of 2% of petrochemical moieties (Appendix V)</li> <li>• Base formulas with no organic content (e.g. shampoo bases, soap bases) must be certified under COSMOS NATURAL certification (therefore including an on-site inspection).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence of organic ingredient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No organic content</li> </ul>

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Packaging & Fabrics	<i>Standard: Chapter 8.3, 8.4, Appendix IX</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary, secondary packaging and fabric components must be validated and compliant</li> <li>Minimization of direct and indirect environmental impacts of packaging and revision compulsory each 3 years</li> </ul>		N.A.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cosmetic formula must meet this Standard and the fabric material must be 100% certified organic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabric components must meet the requirements for CPAI and PPAI but do not need to be organic. Lyocell and Viscose are allowed</li> </ul>		
<i>Manu- facturing, storage</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 8.1, 8.2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid any confusion or risk to the integrity of the products</li> <li>Prevent contamination of the ingredients and the products</li> </ul>			N.A.
<i>Environ- mental Management</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 9</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An environmental management plan must be put in place</li> <li>Every cleaning/disinfection product used must be validated and compliant</li> </ul>			N.A.

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<i>Evaluation process</i>	<i>Application</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8, 8.3.1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form completed for every prospective client</li> </ul>				
	<i>Application review</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the application form to study the feasibility and the definition of the prospective client</li> <li>If possible, formalization of the commitment</li> </ul>				
	<i>Evaluation</i>	<i>Standard: Chapter 11.1, 11.2 Control Manual: Chapter 8, 8.3.2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentary evaluation for each Product/Raw Material</li> <li>Initial on-site audit</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentary evaluation for each Raw Material</li> </ul>	
	<i>Review &amp; Certification decision</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8, 8.3.3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the evaluation results to take the appropriate certification decision</li> </ul>				
	<i>Certification documentation</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8, 8.3.4</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the certification decision is positive, certification document edition</li> </ul>				
	<i>Directory of certified products</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The list of certified products/raw materials is available on the COSMOS website</li> </ul>				

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<i>Evaluation process</i>	<i>Surveillance</i>	<i>Control Manual : Chapter 8, 8.3.6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The evaluation process has to be renewed every year</li> <li>Update of the application form if needed to declare any change</li> <li>Annual surveillance audit</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The evaluation process has to be renewed every year</li> <li>Update of the application form if needed to declare any change</li> <li>Re-assessment of raw materials at least every 3 years (or as soon as any change)</li> </ul>
	<i>Changes affecting certification</i>	<i>Control Manual : Chapter 8, 8.3.7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information by the client of any change to evaluate the impact on the certification</li> <li>Information of the clients by COSMOS of any change of the requirements of the scheme and the consequences</li> </ul>			
	<i>Termination, reduction, suspension or withdrawal of certification</i>	<i>Control Manual : Chapter 8, 8.3.8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Termination, reduction, suspension or withdrawal of certification can be decided following client's demand or a certification body's decision</li> </ul>			
	<i>Complaints and appeals</i>	<i>Control Manual: Chapter 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone can make a complaint or an appeal</li> <li>The complaint/appeal will be processed, and an answer/decision must be sent by the certification body</li> </ul>			