How to apply for certification

To apply to have retail products or ingredients certified, companies choose from one of the COSMOS authorised certification bodies and contact their chosen certification partner directly. Certification partners provide technical advice and access to the COSMOS ingredients' database.

The certification process includes an audit visit of the applicant’s site by the certification body. Complementary audits (unannounced or announced visits) can be performed as part of the continuous annual audits plan.

The process of achieving certification can take several months, depending on the complexity of products and manufacturing processes.

A common COSMOS licence fee applies to all products and ingredients and is charged by each certification body.