






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

Overview of key requirements for COSMOS signatures:

COSMOS ORGANIC, COSMOS NATURAL, COSMOS CERTIFIED and COSMOS APPROVED

COSMOS-standard signature	COSMOS ORGANIC	COSMOS NATURAL	COSMOS CERTIFIED	COSMOS APPROVED
Categories	COSMETIC FINISHED PRODUCTS		COSMETIC INGREDIENTS	
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcontractor • Manufacturer • Brand owner 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcontractor • Manufacturer • Brand owner 	
	... of organic products	... of natural products	of raw materials ...with organic content	of raw materials ...without organic content
Scope	Scope 1: certification of organic or natural cosmetic products, raw materials with organic content, base formulas			Scope 2: Approval of non-organic raw materials that can be used in certified references



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



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Formulations	Standard Chapter 7 Appendix V Appendix VI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • At least 95% of the PPAI must be organic origin • The remaining PPAI must be organic if they are listed in Appendix VI • The CPAI listed in Appendix VII must be organic • Maximum of 2% of petrochemical moieties (Appendix V) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum of organic content • Maximum of 2% of petrochemical moieties (Appendix V) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of organic ingredient • Base formulas without organic ingredients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No organic content 	
Packaging & Fabrics	Standard Chapter 8.3 Chapter 8.4 Appendix IX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary, secondary packaging and fabric components must be validated and compliant • Minimization of direct and indirect environmental impacts of packaging and revision compulsory each 3 years 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary packaging must be validated and compliant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N.A.
Manufacturing and storage	Standard Chapter 8.1 Chapter 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid any confusion or risk to the integrity of the products • Prevent contamination of the ingredients and the products 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N.A. 	



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



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