

**RAW MATERIAL QUESTIONNAIRE (RMQ) version 6.0**

**For non-organic raw material verification  
according to the COSMOS-standard**

This questionnaire must be completed by **the manufacturer of the raw material** or the supplier (in specific cases or if the manufacturer gives the written right to the supplier to complete for him). Information given is under the manufacturer’s responsibility.

Technical documents are to be sent with the RMQ.

If there are any changes made to this raw material/commercial reference (e.g. the formulation, ingredient source, percentage changes), the Certification Body must be informed as soon as possible.

To the best of the raw material manufacturer knowledge, all the information supplied in this form is accurate. Should any of this information be found to be false, any subsequent approval granted by the Certification Body will be revoked.

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| **COMMERCIAL NAME:** |  |

1. **General information**

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| * **Manufacturer:** |  |

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| Name of the company: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Contact person: |  |

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| Phone no.: |  | Email: |  |

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| * **Supplier/Distributor, if different:** |  |

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| Name of the company: | |  | | |
| Address: | |  | | |
| Contact person: | |  | | |
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| * **INCI name:** |  |

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| * **Category/Function:** |  |

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| * **Chemical formula:** |  |

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| * **CAS number:** |  |

**Ingredients origin and manufacturing processes**

1. **General**

* **Animal testing**

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| * Is the raw material or any of its ingredients tested on animals by the manufacturer or any third party induced to do so? | YES  NO |
| *If yes*, is it required by law (other than cosmetic law)? | YES  NO |

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| *If no*, please specify: |

* **Active ingredient(s) and solvent(s)**
* Please list exhaustively in the table below each ingredient (active ingredient, solvent, etc.) of the commercial reference, mentioning:
* its name
* its manufacturing process\* (please refer to the positive list of allowed chemical or physical processes respectively in Appendix I/ II of the Standard)
* the reactants used, their origin and their manufacturing processes\*
* the content in the commercial reference (%)

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| **Ingredient Name** | **Origin\*\*** | **Manufacturing process (reactants – solvents)** | **Reactants**  **(origin/ manufacturing process/solvent)** | **%** |
| *Example: Glyceryl stearate* | *CPAI* | *Esterification of glycerol and stearic acid* | *-Glycerol (Saponification of vegetable oil XX obtained by physical expression without solvent)  -Stearic acid (Saponification, neutralization with XX and distillation of a vegetable oil XX obtained without solvent)* | *25* |
| *Example: Lemon essential oil* | *PPAI* | *Hydrodistillation* | *Lemon zest (plant, grinding)* | *5* |
| *Example : water* | *Water* | *-* | *-* | *70* |
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*Add lines if necessary*

*\*in the case of ingredients or reactants made by the fermentation process, please include details of the substrate and the culture medium composition.*

\*\*Origin can be described with one of the following categories:

-**PPAI** (physically processed agro-ingredients): processed or extracted using physical processes (Appendix I)

-**CPAI** (chemically processed agro-ingredients): processed or extracted using chemical processes (Appendix II)

-**Mineral** / Mineral origin

-**Petrochemical**

If an ingredient is already COSMOS approved (<http://www.cosmos-standard-rm.org/>) please mention the commercial name and the manufacturer name.

You can send detailed flow charts of reactants and/or ingredients.

* **Additives**
* Please complete the following table with all the additives (preservatives, antioxidants, pH adjusters etc.) added in your commercial reference as well as the ones contained in each active ingredient listed in the previous table:

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| **Additive INCI** | **% in the commercial reference** | **Origin\*\*** | **GMO** | **Irradiation** |
|  |  |  | YES  NO | YES  NO |
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*Add lines at the table if necessary*

*\*\* same description as II. 1. Active ingredients and solvents*

If an additive is already COSMOS approved (www.cosmos-standard.org/en/databases/approved-raw-materials/), please mention the commercial name and manufacturer name.

1. **Origin of Ingredients**

The requirements below only apply to active ingredients and solvents. It is not necessary to fulfill these requirements for additives.

* **Plant origin ingredients**

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| * Are any of the plants used in the process of the raw material listed in the Appendices of the CITES convention? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please indicate which one(s) |

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| * Does any of the ingredients in the commercial reference contain palm oil, palm kernel oil and their derivatives? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please indicate which one(s) |

Please attach a CSPO (Certified Sustainable Palm Oil) certificate and if blend: a statement from the company producing the blend, stating that they only use sustainable ingredients, and the sustainable certificate of the company producing the certified ingredient.

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| * Are the plants used in the manufacturing process of your raw material, including ingredients, reactants, culture mediums or solvents non-GMO origin? | YES  NO |

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| Please complete the following table: |

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| **Plant name** | **Used as starting material** | **Country of origin** |
| Corn/maize | YES  NO |  |
| Soya | YES  NO |  |
| Rapeseed/Canola | YES  NO |  |
| Sugar beet | YES  NO |  |
| Sugar Cane | YES  NO |  |
| Papaya | YES  NO |  |
| Alfalfa / Lucerne | YES  NO |  |
| Sweet pepper | YES  NO |  |
| Tomato | YES  NO |  |
| Cotton | YES  NO |  |

COSMOS ingredients must proceed exclusively from non-GM plants/cereals.

In order to guarantee your sourcing, **please provide one of the following documents for each ingredient/reagent/substrate proceeding from a plant in the above table**:

* **Statement/letter** – must be filled out by the manufacturer or the previous supplier and refer to the GM risk crop/plant being non-GM, and if applicable, to substrate being non-GM. It must be dated within last 12 months and have the company header on it.
* **IP Certification** – must cover the entire supply chain, be dated within 12 months, and contain the correct company name and the ingredient.
* **PCR analysis** – must be carried out on the crop
* **Independent audit**

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| * If a physically processed coconut derivative is used, can you provide the proof (attestation from any level of the supply chain) that none of the threatened monkey species on the IUCN red list\*\* are used for coconut harvesting? | YES  NO |

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| * Are any threatened species on the IUCN red list\*\* used to harvest a primary physically processed raw material? \*\*<https://www.iucnredlist.org/search> | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please indicate which one(s) and for which ingredient(s)? |

* **Animal origin ingredients**  N/A

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| * Are any of the ingredients or reactants from animal origin obtained from an animal listed in the CITES convention appendices? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, which one(s)? |

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| * Did the process of the ingredient(s) of animal origin entail the death of the animal(s)? | YES  NO |

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| * If the ingredient is or contains any egg or egg derivative, is the egg non-fertilized? | YES  NO |

* **Mineral origin ingredients**  N/A

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| * Is **mica** used as an ingredient? | YES  NO |
| *If yes*, is it certified according to:   * the Global Mica Standard from Responsible Mica Initiative? * or another independent social standard? | YES  NO  YES  NO |

If yes, which one?

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| * For **other mineral and mineral origin ingredient**, is it certified according to an independent social standard? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, which ingredient and which standard? |

In case of a mixture of several mineral origin ingredients, the questions are asked for each ingredient of the commercial reference:

* **Titanium dioxide**

If titanium dioxide is used, please provide the quantitative SEM (scanning electron microscopy) analysis report.

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| * Is it used for a UV function? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, is it compliant with the EU Cosmetic regulation n°1223/2009 and the latest SCCS opinions for safe use as a nano UV filter? | YES  NO |

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| * Is it used as a decorative function for a cosmetic product? | YES  NO |
| *If yes*, is the following requirement respected: less than 50% of the particles in number distribution are in the nanoscale (1-100nm)? | YES  NO |

* **Zinc oxide**

If zinc oxide is used, please provide the quantitative SEM (scanning electron microscopy) analysis report.

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| * Is it used for a UV function? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, is it compliant with the EU Cosmetic regulation n°1223/2009 and the latest SCCS opinions for safe use as a nano UV filter? | YES  NO |

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| * If it is used for another function other than UV-filter, is the following requirement respected: less than 50% of the particles in number distribution are in the nanoscale (1-100nm)? | YES  NO |

* **Silica, Cerium dioxide, Hydroxyapatite**

If these raw materials are used, please provide the quantitative SEM (scanning electron microscopy) analysis report for each one.

* **Microbial or biotechnological origin ingredients**  N/A

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| * Does your raw material contain ingredients or reagents that come from a biotechnology process (fermentation, enzymatic hydrolysis etc.)? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please precise the type of biocatalyst(s) used (yeast, bacteria, fungi, enzymes etc.) and it’s/their origin(s) |

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| * Are the biocatalyst(s) used genetically modified or produced from GMO? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please could you list here the reagents/ingredients concerned: |

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| * Please confirm that for enzymes from GMM (genetically modified microorganisms) the following conditions are respected: | YES  NO | |
| * enzymes from GMM are purified before use * the GMM are used in closed vessel * the GMM are deactivated after the process * risk assessment on GMM impact on environment is implemented * risk plan is established if GMM is released in the environment * PCR (-) or any other method must be provided to prove that no DNA of the GMM is present in the final raw material | | |

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| * Is the feedstock in biotechnology processes only from natural, vegetable or microbial raw materials, without using genetically modified organisms or their derivatives? | YES  NO |

* **Ingredients containing petrochemical moieties**  N/A

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| * If your manufactured ingredient contains a petrochemical moiety, as authorized in the Standard (Appendix V), please specify the ingredient(s) involved as well as the percentage of this moiety (% on the active matter) here: |

* **Ingredients containing phosphate**  N/A

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| * If your raw material is or contains an organic phosphate molecule, please specify the ingredient(s) involved: |

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| * halogenated phosphorus reagents are used during the manufacturing steps | YES  NO |
| * the phosphate content of the organic phosphate molecule is 5% or less | YES  NO |
| * the production facilities include your own sewage treatment plant | YES  NO |

* **Ingredients containing sulphate**  N/A

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| * Is the sulphation done at carbon or oxygen atom, without the use of chlorinated sulphation reagents? | YES  NO |

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| * Is the sulphated ingredient meant for rinse-off cosmetic products? | YES  NO |

1. **Manufacturing processes**

The requirements below only apply to active ingredients and solvents. It is not necessary to fulfill these requirements for additives.

* **Process solvents**  N/A

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| * Are solvent(s) used during the manufacturing step(s)? | YES  NO |

*If yes*, please specify the name of the solvent(s) and the ingredient(s) involved

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| * Are solvent(s) used during the purifying step(s) (e.g., extraction, washing, crystallization)? | YES  NO |

*If yes*, please specify the name of the solvent(s) and the ingredient(s) involved

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| * Are the solvents recovered and removed from the final product? | YES  NO |

*If yes* and in case of petrochemical solvent(s) used, please provide the certificate of analysis showing that no solvent is detectable.

* **Manufacturing auxiliaries**  N/A

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| * Are manufacturing auxiliaries (e.g., catalyst, activating agents) used during the synthesis of the ingredient(s) listed previously? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, please specify which one(s) and the ingredient involved |

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| * Are the manufacturing auxiliaries removed? | YES  NO |
| *If no*, are the manufacturing auxiliaries removed to technologically inevitable amounts using state of the art manufacturing processes and deactivated | YES  NO |

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| * Are the manufacturing auxiliaries detectable by analysis? | YES  NO |

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| *If yes*, detail the component(s), the ingredient involved and the content(s) |

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| * Are there temporary modifications (e.g., protection of functional groups) during the manufacturing of your chemically processed ingredient? | YES  NO |

*If yes*, please specify which temporary modification and the ingredient involved

* **Prohibited processes and components**

Indicate whether the following chemical processes are used during the manufacture of any ingredients, reactants in the commercial reference:

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| * Use of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide or other alkylene oxides (for example, as part of ethoxylation and propoxylation) | YES  NO |
| * IONISING RADIATION | YES  NO |
| * HALOGENATION (as main reaction) | YES  NO |
| * TREATMENTS WITH ETHYLENE OXIDE | YES  NO |
| * TREATMENTS USING MERCURY | YES  NO |
| * BLEACHING – DEODOURISATION (on a support of animal origin) | YES  NO |
| * BLEACHING with sodium hypochlorite | YES  NO |
| * DETERPENATION (other than with steam) | YES  NO |
| * DECOLORATION with sodium hypochlorite | YES  NO |
| * Electricity or any process putting the animal under stress (e.g., bee venom and snail lime) | YES  NO |

If yes, precise the compound(s) concerned:

1. **Green chemistry principles**

The requirements below only apply to chemically processed agro-ingredients (CPAI) and mineral origin ingredients. It is not necessary to fulfill these requirements for additives.

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| * Is the reaction mass efficiency of each CPAI or mineral origin ingredient’s last reaction step higher than 50%? | YES  NO | |
| Reaction mass efficiency, R = (mass of the desired product) / (mass of all the reactants) x 100 | |

* Which procedures, action plans or certificates to ISO guidelines or national regulations are in place to continually reduce energy consumption?

Please give the reference of your document and send it:

* Which procedures, action plans or certificates to ISO guidelines or national regulations are in place to minimize waste?

Please give the reference of your document and send it:

* Which procedures, action plans or certificates to ISO guidelines or national regulations are in place to ensure human health and safety (from the mines in particular for mineral origin ingredients) throughout the supply chain?

Please give the reference of your document and send it:

* **Ecological data (only for CPAI)**  N/A

Please fill in the following table for each chemically processed agro-ingredient in your commercial reference, or for the commercial reference as a whole:

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| **INCI of the chemically processed agro-ingredient** | **Biodegradability (value + test)** | **Aquatic toxicity (value + test)** |
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*Add lines in the table if necessary.*

*Accepted: test values, data from literature, or approach by structure analogy such as read across data are accepted. Please specify the data or send relevant documentation.*

**Declaration**

To the best of my knowledge, all the information supplied in this form is accurate. Should any of this information be found to be false, any subsequent approval granted by the Certification body will be revoked.

Name: Company:

Date:

I have completed this form electronically and confirm I am in agreement with the declaration above .