

COSMOS-standard

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To: whom it may concern

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The COSMOS-standard has been developed at the European level by BDIH (Germany), BIOFORUM (Belgium), COSMEBIO & ECOCERT (France), ICEA (Italy) and SOIL ASSOCIATION (UK). This Standard is therefore the collective property of all the above named founding organisations.

The six organizations have agreed to form a European Economic Interest Group. The objective of such a legal entity will be to develop, establish and coordinate common harmonized rules and guidelines. These activities will cover especially but not exclusively approval of certification/inspection to ensure harmonized and high quality control, and periodic review and amendment of COSMOS-standard to continually evolve in the direction of its objectives.

For this purpose the members of the European Cosmetics Standards Working Group will meet in June in order to set up this entity. In the meantime, the six organizations welcome expressions of interest from other organizations who wish to join the initiative when the structure is established. Please send details to info@cosmos-standard.org.

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