



Certification fees for health & beauty products to COSMOS Organic, COSMOS Natural or Soil Association standards

Ingredient Review Service (A non-inspection standalone service)

Our ingredient review assesses whether ingredients are suitable for use in COSMOS formulations. This provides a review of up to 10 non-organic plus 20 organic ingredients and costs £200 plus VAT. Upon completion of the review, a formal letter known as the Summary of Assessment will be issued which includes details of the outcome. The letter will be for applicant's information only and can be used as part of the application for certification with Soil Association Certification. The Soil Association COSMOS symbol cannot be used to market your products unless full certification is gained.

Please note this is offered as a pre-application service, the below fees would apply if you wish to progress to full certification.

Application fees are payable on application and cover your first year with us.

Annual fees are based on your total certified sales each year and are payable on your annual renewal date.

Fees include your annual inspection and all core services throughout the year.

Certification fee	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£750
Annual renewal fee – certified sales under £250,000	£750
Annual renewal fee – certified sales between £250,001 and £2,350,000	0.003 multiplied by your certified sales
Annual renewal fee – certified sales over £2,350,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales for the first £2,350,000, plus 0.0015 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £2,350,001 and £4,350,000, plus 0.001 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £4,350,001 and £22,500,000, plus 0.0003 multiplied by your organic certified sales over £22,500,000
COSMOS application and annual fee - to cover fees payable direct to COSMOS	£100
Brandholder scheme* – certified sales under £134,000	£402
Brandholder scheme – certified sales over £134,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales

* Available for Soil Association health & beauty products standards only, where the brandholder contracts out all ingredient sourcing, manufacturing and packing to a SA-certified manufacturer. This scheme ended to new applicants in December 2016

Multiple licences

If you hold any combination of a SA food & drink processor, SA Health & Beauty, COSMOS and/or Textiles (GOTS or Textile Exchange) licences, we will charge any additional processing licences at a 50% discounted rate. Please combine the sales from all licences on your Certified Sales Declaration.

Inspection fees and expenses for inspections outside the UK

In addition to the application/annual fee, inspection fees and expenses are added **for inspections outside the UK**. Inspections are charged at **£321 per day** if carried out by one of our own inspectors. An administration fee of **£75 per inspection** will also be charged. If the inspection is subcontracted to a certification body local to you, costs may vary from this. Transport, travel time and subsistence are also charged – where possible we complete inspections in batches so that expenses are shared by a number of our licensees.

Fees for approval of raw materials for use in products certified to COSMOS standards

Our approved products scheme applies to raw materials suitable for use in products certified to the COSMOS standards. For more information please refer to our application pack, product ingredient questionnaire and organic standards. If you have any queries, please call us on +44 (0)117 914 2411 or email cert@soilassociation.org.

Application and annual fees are calculated as follows:

Application/annual fee	£107
Application/annual product approval fee	£55 multiplied by number of products
Application/annual COSMOS raw material/substance registration fee	£22 per product

Additional product assessment and approval fees are charged on a per product basis at the time of submitting any new products to us for assessment and approval.

Application product approval fee	£55 multiplied by number of products
Application COSMOS raw material/substance registration fee	£22 per product

Additional inspections

If more than one day is required for annual inspection, or an additional inspection is required during the year, these are charged at £397.

Inspection cancellation

	Fee
Less than 10 working days' notice given	£198
Less than 24 hours' notice given	£397

We reserve the right to pass on travel costs already incurred when an inspection is cancelled with less than a month's notice.

Exchange rates

We reserve the right to pass on exchange rate related price increases due to fluctuating exchange rates.

Paying by instalments

Fees for UK-based businesses can be paid in six monthly instalments by way of a credit agreement from Premium Credit. Please note this involves an additional charge of 3.75% of the total value of the invoice, and a credit check may be required (subject to a minimum charge of £15).

VAT

All fees are exclusive of VAT. VAT is not payable on fees for non-EU businesses. VAT is payable on fees for businesses based in the EU that are not registered for VAT. If you have a VAT registration number, please let us know.