



# UPDATE OF THE COSMOS STANDARD SCHEME DOCUMENTS

## Relevant changes in the COSMOS-standard V4.1

COSMOS-standard AISBL continually reviews the criteria that companies must meet to ensure their products are genuine organic or natural cosmetics produced to the highest feasible sustainability practices.

This information paper lists the sections of the COSMOS-standard Scheme Documents where relevant changes have been done, by comparing:

- **V4.0 to V4.1** for the COSMOS-standard
- **V4.0 to V4.1** for the Technical Guide
- **V4.0 to V4.1** for the Control Manual

The Labelling Guide V4.0 remains unchanged.

As the list is not exhaustive, the COSMOS-standard Scheme Documents Version 4.1 (and V4.0 for the Labelling Guide) remain the sole reference for all changes.

Today, COSMOS-standard applicable set of Scheme Documents consists of:

- V4.1 of the **COSMOS-standard** (published 1 March 2024)
- V4.1 of the COSMOS-standard **Technical Guide** (published 1 March 2024)
- V4.0 of the COSMOS-standard **Labelling Guide** (published 1 Jan 2023)
- V4.1 of the COSMOS-standard **Control Manual** (published 1 March 2024)

This document is for the use of authorised Certification Bodies and their clients and for the COSMOS-standard nominated Accreditation Bodies.

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SECTION §	SCHEME DOCUMENT	RELEVANT CHANGES IN V4.1 COMPARED TO: ▶ COSMOS-standard V4.0 ▶ COSMOS-standard Technical Guide V4.0 + COSMOS-standard Control Manual V4.0
3	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added <a href="#">bulkware</a> to the Scope 1 (page 5)</li> </ul>
4	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added the definition of <a href="#">bulkware</a> (page 6)</li> </ul>
5.1.1	Technical Guide (page 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added a precautionary principle regarding <a href="#">titanium dioxide</a> used as coating agent of effect pigments</li> </ul>
5.1.3	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended to <a href="#">ionising irradiation</a> to ensure consistency between Standard criteria and Appendix III content (page 9)</li> </ul>
6.2.4	Technical Guide (page 24 & 25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculation approach corrected for <a href="#">hydroglyceric extracts</a></li> <li>Example re-introduced before the detailed calculation for % ORG CPAI</li> <li>Calculation approach corrected for <a href="#">hydroalcoholic extracts</a></li> </ul>
7.1.2	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added precision on calculation rules applying to <a href="#">bulkware</a> (page 19)</li> </ul>
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8.3	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added precision that <a href="#">bulkware</a> does not need to meet the criteria of packaging (page 21)</li> </ul>
	Technical Guide (page 31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wording finetuned as <a href="#">technical parts</a> cannot be exhaustively listed</li> </ul>
8.3.1	Technical Guide (page 32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added precision on when <a href="#">selected indicators</a> are being checked</li> </ul>
8.3.3	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introduced first part of sentence wrongly removed in V4.0. This section clarifies that only <a href="#">recycled materials from accepted materials</a> are allowed for packaging (page 22)</li> </ul>

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8.4	Technical Guide (page 32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added case of <a href="#">hydrogel masks</a></li> </ul>
10.1	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added precision that labelling requirements for finished products do not apply to <a href="#">bulkware</a> (page 26)</li> </ul>
	Technical Guide (page 35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finetuned the definition of <a href="#">pseudo logo</a></li> </ul>
10.3	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised <a href="#">labelling options</a> so that they are consistent with percentages in COSMOS ORGANIC labels (page 27)</li> </ul>
10.5	Technical Guide (page 35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed reference to §6.2 sections to be aligned with the Standard content</li> </ul>
11	Technical Guide (page 36)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Reference made to the COSMOS-standard Control Manual §8</a> to help companies understand how they will be audited</li> </ul>
12.1	Technical Guide (page 38)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further explained the definition of '<a href="#">coming into force</a>'</li> </ul>
12.2	Technical Guide (page 38)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further explained the definition of '<a href="#">application date</a>'</li> </ul>

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12.3.1	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated <a href="#">transition general rules</a> to reflect official change published on 30.06.2023 on COSMOS website and via internal note (INF)-2023-036 (page 30)</li> <li>Further clarified dates for <a href="#">raw materials</a> (page 30)</li> </ul>
12.3.2	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated <a href="#">transition dates related to §6.1.3 + §8</a> to reflect official change published on 30.06.2023 on <a href="#">COSMOS website</a> and via internal note (INF)-2023-036 (page 30)</li> </ul>
Appendix II	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected "sulphatation" to the more appropriate word: "<a href="#">sulphonation</a>" (page 34 &amp; 35)</li> </ul>
Appendix IV	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified the limitation of use for <a href="#">hydroxyapatite</a> (page 38)</li> </ul>

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7.4.2	Control Manual (page 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added an example of possible <a href="#">coordination tool</a> as interaction between Certification Bodies</li> </ul>
8.3	Control Manual (page 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added a reference to the <a href="#">overview of COSMOS signatures</a> available in the Technical Guide</li> </ul>
8.3.2	Control Manual (page 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected 'certification' into '<a href="#">approval</a>', applicable to Scope 2</li> </ul>