

EU Ecolabel for cosmetic products and animal care products

Instructions for completing the Application Form for the EU Ecolabel for cosmetic products and animal care products

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Excel Application Form

Two Excel files are available to support the verification process of the EU Ecolabel for cosmetic products and animal care products:

- The Excel file Application form for Cosmetic products should be completed for the products covered in Annex I to Commission Decision 2021/1870.
- The Excel file Application form for Animal care products should be completed for the products covered in Annex II to Commission Decision 2021/1870.

The Commission Decision and the related EU Ecolabel criteria are available at: https://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/products-groups-and-criteria.html

One Excel file shall be completed for each product formulation.



In the application form you will have to fill in the grey fields.



Please enter the numbers without units.

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Sheet "Confirmation"

The main information of the product and the applicant shall be included in this sheet.

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Product name:				Date:	
Annex:	Annex I: Cos	smetic products		Version:	
Type of product:					
If Rinse-off: Product category:			Description of the		
Applicant/Licence holder:			product:		
Licence number:					

- 1. Enter the **product name** and a short **description** of the product (type of product, intended use and types of consumers for which it is intended, etc.)
- 2. Select the type of product considering the following definitions: "Rinse off products" are those marketed as intended to be removed with water after use in normal conditions; and "Leave on products" are those marketed as not intended to be removed with water after use in normal conditions.
- 3. For cosmetic rinse-off products, specify the product category selecting it from the list:



Table 2 of the User Manual includes a list of the different categories and the products considered in each category.



This information is automatically copied to the other sheets of the Application Form

If the same product formulation is sold in different brands, all the product names must be specified. If the product is sold in more than one packaging, enter the number of package sizes for the product and the volume of the different sizes.



In the case of more than one packaging size, the applicant will have to copy the sheet "Results" 5" (Rinse-off or Leave-on, depending on the product), paste it and fill it as many times as the number of available packaging sizes. The applicant will also have to submit as many declarations (for the packaging) as the number of available packaging sizes.

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Product name	Countries of availability	User or distributor (if deviates from licence holder)	Packaging size (L)	Manufacturer and place of manufacture (if deviates from licence holder)

Finally, select the statements of the sheet and introduce the signature electronically declaring that all the information provided in the Application Form is true.

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Sheet "Product formulation" 2.

The **full formulation** of the product shall be entered in this excel sheet.

Fill in the information regarding the ingredients contained in the product formulation specifying their trade name (the same as the Safety Dat Sheets - SDS - and the declaration), the manufacturer or supplier, the function, and the weight (%) in the formulation. The sum of all ingredients (including water) must be 100 (%). Specify the hazard statements of each ingredient (this information is included in the Chapter 2 of the SDS); if the ingredient is not classified, write NC.

Ingredient trade name	Manufacturer	Function (please select)	Weight in the formulation in mass- % (=g/100g product)	Supplier declaration added?	SDS added?	Hazard Statement
Water			69,3			
Ingredient 1	SUP1	Surfactant	17	Yes	Yes	H318
Ingredient 2	SUP2	Other	5	Yes	Yes	NC
Ingredient 3	SUP3	Preservative	1,5	Yes	Yes	H412
Ingredient 4	SUP4	Other	7	Yes	Yes	NC
Ingredient 5	SUP5	Fragrance	0,2	Yes		H315
				N	lust be 100	
Sum:			100	r ¬_		



 $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{oldsymbol{oldsymbol{A}}}}$ SDS and $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{declarations}}$ by the manufacturer or supplier shall be included for each ingredient.

If alternative products (same ingredient with different trade name or different provider) are used for the same function, please specify in the name of the suppliers in the Column C.

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3. Sheet "Ingoing substances"

The next step is to fill-in the sheet "**Ingoing Substances**" with the information on all ingoing substances, meaning all substances in the product. Comission Decision 2021/1870 specifies the threshold values applicable for each substance in Table 1 of Annex I and in Table 1 of Annex II. The name of the substance (INCI name) shall be included in <u>Column B</u> and shall be related with the ingredient in which the substance is included (select in the drop-down of <u>Column C</u>).

If the ingredient has more than one supplier, specify the proportion of each substance for one of the ingredients (the composition of the different ingredients shall be the same).

Specify in the respective columns the active content of the ingoing substance in the product (in %), the CAS number, the function of the substance (please, select from the list) and their hazard statement.

The weight of each substance in the formulation will be directly calculated from the weight of ingredients (sheet product formulation) and their active content. The sum of all ingredients (including water) must be 100 (%).

		Contained in primary product	Active content in the product		Function	Weight in the formulation	Hazard Statement
	Ingoing substance	(please select)	(in %)	CAS no.	(please select)	in mass- % (=g/100g product)	In case H/EUH- statement with possible restrictions are detected, font changed to red
1	Water					70,898	
2	Substance 1.1	Ingredient 1	70		Surfactant	11,900	H318 H315 H412
3	Substance 1.2	Ingredient 1	30		Other	5,100	NC
4	Substance 2	Ingredient 2	100		Other	5,000	H319
5	Substance 3	Ingredient 3	0,15		Preservative	0,002	H301 H311 H311 H400 H410 H314 H318 H317
6	Substance 4	Ingredient 4	100		Other	7,000	NC
7	Substance 5.1	Ingredient 5	20		Fragrance	0,040	H318
8	Substance 5.2	Ingredient 5	20		Fragrance	0,040	H318
S	Substance 5.3	Ingredient 5	7		grance	0,014	NC
10	Substance 5.4	Ingredient 5	3	Must be 100	agrance	0,006	H412
11				iviust be 100			
	Sum:			1		100,000	V

If a hazard statement (the three-digit number) is recognized which is restricted according Criterion 4(a), the font colour changes to red (all hazard statements). Where a derogation exists or the concentration is below the limit of determination (as defined in the decision), they shall be selected accordingly in Column S.



The sentence "Zinc exemption (maximum 25%)" refers to criterion 4(a)iii.

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Weight in the formulation	Hazard Statement	If H-phrase resticted: exemption because	BCF / log Kow	
in mass- % (=g/100g product)	In case H/EUH- statement with possible restrictions are detected, font changed to red	(please select)	Select for preservatives, colorants and UV filters	Value of BCF / log Kow
70,898				
11,900	H318 H315 H412	Derogated substance	~	
5,100	NC	Derogated substance		
5,000	H319	Below measurement threshold Zinc exemption (maximum 25%		
0,002	H301 H311 H311 H400 H410 H314 H318 H317	Below measurement thro	Log Kow	-0,71
7,000	NC			
0,040	H318			
0,040	H318			
0,014	NC			
0,006	H412	Below measurement thro	eshold	

If the substances is a preservative, colorant or UV filter, Column T and U shall be completed in accordance with requirement 4(e), 4(f) and 4(g):

- If the substance is a preservative, please select "BCF" or "log Kow". If both BCF and log Kow values are available, the highest measured value shall be used. Enter the appropriate value for BCF or log Kow in Column U.
- If the substance is a colorant, one of the following options should be selected: "BCF", "log Kow" or "Approved for foodstaf". Enter the appropriate value for BCF or log Kow in Column U.
- Select "BCF", "log Kow" or "Lowest measured toixcity" for UV filters and enter the appropriate value for the selected justificiation.



Choose in Column V whether the substance is an organic substance (Yes) or not (No), otherwise the calculation is not possible.

Finally, select if the ingredient includes palm oil or palm kernel oil derivates in Column W (Yes) or not (No). If one or more ingredient include palm oil or palm kernel oil, the Excel sheet Results 6 shall be completed (Results 5 if the Application form refers to animal care products).



For fragrances, it is possible to specify all ingoing substances either one by one, or grouping them according to their classification as "hazardous to the aquatic environment" (H410, H411, H412 or not classified (NC)), or as a unique ingoing substance.

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		Contained in primary product	Active content in the product		Function	Weight in the formulation	Hazard Statement
	Ingoing substance	(please select)	(in %)	CAS no.	(please select)	in mass- % (=g/100g product)	In case H/EUH-statement with possible restrictions are detected, font changed to red
1 V	Water	Water	100			25	
2 8	Substance 1.1	Ingredient 1	40		Surfactant	12,00	
3 8	Substance 1.2	Ingredient 1	60		Other	18,00	
4 5	Substance 2.1	Ingredient 2	100		Other	44,00	
5 8	Substances NC	Perfume	60		Fragrance	0,60	NC
6 8	Substances H412	Perfume	20		Fragrance	0,20	H412
7 8	Substances H411	Perfume	15		Fragrance	0,15	H411
8 8	Substances H410	Perfume	5		Fragrance	0,05	H410



If the product is classified as a rinse-off product please complete the Excel sheet "Rinse-off – DID". If the product is classified as a leave-on product please complete the Excel sheet "Leave-on – DID". Animal care products only have one Excel sheet referring to "Rinse-off – DID".

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Sheet "Rinse-off - DID"

Firsts columns will be directly filled-in from previous sheets if they are fully completed.

1. Select the DID number associated with the substance (if it is available). Information about Degradation Factor (DF), Chronic Toxicity Factor (TF chronic) and biodegradability (aerobic and anaerobic) will be directly filled-in.



A new version of the DID list (2023) has been released in 2024. The 2023 DID List shall be used for new applications or licenses, and a dedicated Application Form using the 2023 DID list has been created. For existing licences, already assessed under the DID list 2016, either the old Application Form (using the 2016 DID list) or the new one (using the 2023 DID list) can be used.



Please, complete Column E of the sheet "Rinse-off – DID". The full content of the DID list part A can be consulted in the Sheet DID-list Part A. This Sheet will be different in the two Application Forms available (one will refer to the 2016 DID list, the other one will refer to the 2023 DID list).



For fragrances:

- if you have specified all ingoing substances you shall introduce information about DF, TF and biodegradability for each substance.
- if you have grouped ingoing substances according to their classification as "hazardous to the aquatic environment", in Column E select the generic DID number for perfumes (2549).

Ingoing substance	Contained in primary product (please select)	CAS no.	DID no.	Ingredient name
1 Water	Water			
2 Substance 1.1	Ingredient 1		not included	
3 Substance 1.2	Ingredient 1		not included	
4 Substance 2.1	Ingredient 2		not included	
5 Substances NC	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
6 Substances H412	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
7 Substances H411	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
8 Substances H410	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)

- if you have entered the fragrance as a unique ingoing substance, you can choose the generic DID number or introduce DF, TF and biodegradability data.
- 2. If a substance is not included in Part A of the DID list, select "not included" and calculate the DF and TF following the instructions described in the Part B of the DID list and fill in Columns H and I (that will appear in grey colour). This information will be used to evaluate and verify the Criterion 1.
- 3. Columns J and K shall be completed when the substance is not included in Part A of the DID list, selecting one of the available options of the drop-down:
 - Aerobic biodegradation: R: Readily biodegradable according to OECD guidelines; I: Inherently biodegradable according to OECD guidelines; P: Persistent. The ingredient

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has failed the test for inherent biodegradability; O: The ingredient has not been tested; NA: Not applicable.

- Anaerobic degradation: Y: Biodegradable under anaerobic conditions, N: Not biodegradable under anaerobic conditions, O: The ingredient has not been tested, NA: Not applicable
- 4. For organic substances which are not surfactants and whose anaerobic biodegradability has not been determined ("O"), Column P "Exemption for anNBO" shall be filled in:
 - Select "No" it the substance does not comply any exemption.
 - Select exemption 1 (low adsorption), 2 (high desorption) or 3 (non-bioaccumulative) according to the specifications in the Commission Decision 2021/1870 (supporting evidences shall be presented).
 - Select Test present if the data of anaerobic biodegradability is available (supporting evidences shall be provided to the competent body).

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5. Sheet "Leave-on - DID"



This sheet does not exist in the Application form for Animal care products.

Firsts columns will be directly filled-in from previous sheets if they are fully completed.

1. Select the DID number associated with the substance (if it is available). Toxicity information (EC or LC50, NOEC or ECx) and aerobic biodegradability will be directly filled in.



A new version of the DID list (2023) has been released in 2024. The **2023 DID List** shall be used **for new applications or licenses**, and a dedicated Application Form using the 2023 DID list has been created. For **existing licences**, already assessed under the DID list 2016, **either the old Application Form** (using the 2016 DID list) **or the new one** (using the 2023 DID list) can be used.



Please, complete <u>Column E</u> of the sheet "Leave-on – DID". The full content of the DID list part A can be consulted in the Sheet DID-list_Part A. This Sheet will be different in the two Application Forms available (one will refer to the 2016 DID list, the other one will refer to the 2023 DID list).



For fragrances:

- if you have specified all ingoing substances you shall introduce information about DF, TF and biodegradability for each substance.
- if you have grouped ingoing substances according to their hazard to the aquatic environment, in Column E select the generic DID number for perfumes (2549).

	Ingoing substance	Contained in primary product (please select)	CAS no.	DID no.	Ingredient name
- 1	Water	Water			
2	Substance 1.1	Ingredient 1		not included	
3	Substance 1.2	Ingredient 1		not included	
4	Substance 2.1	Ingredient 2		not included	
5	Substances NC	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
6	Substances H412	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
7	Substances H411	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)
8	Substances H410	Perfume		2549	Perfume, if not other specified (**)

- if you have entered the fragrance as a unique ingoing substance, you can choose the generic DID number or introduce DF, TF and biodegradability data.
- If a substance is not included in Part A of the DID-list, select "not included" and provide the
 toxicity information (<u>Column H</u> and/or <u>Column I</u>). If chronic values are available, they shall be
 used. If no chronic test results are available, the acute toxicity and safety factor must be used.
- Column J shall be completed when the substance is not included in Part A of the DID list, selecting one of the available options of the drop-down: R: Readily biodegradable according to OECD guidelines; I: Inherently biodegradable according to OECD guidelines; P: Persistent. The

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ingredient has failed the test for inherent biodegradability; O: The ingredient has not been tested; NA: Not applicable.



If the substance **is not** readily biodegradable (R) or potentially biodegradable (I), please provide information about the bioaccumulation potential or the bioavailability of the substance.

- 4. Select in the Column N if the substances is not bioaccumulable or not bioavailable.
- 5. If the substance is not considered bioaccumulable, complete the <u>Columns O and P</u> with the value of BCF or log Know.
- 6. If the substance is not bioavailable, complete Column Q and indicate its molecular weight.

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Sheet "Results 1&2"

The sheet "Results 1&2" shows the compliance of the product with the Criterion 1. Toxicity to aquatic organisms: Critical Dilution Volume, and Criterion 2. Biodegradabilitly. This sheet is directly completed from the information provided in the previous sheets.



No modifications have to be done in this Excel sheet.

7. Sheet "Results 3"



This sheet does not exist in the Application form for Animal care products.

The sheet "Results 3" shows the compliance of a leave-on product with the Criterion 3. Aquatic toxicity and biodegradability. This sheet is directly completed from the information provided in the previous sheets.



No modifications have to be done in this Excel sheet.

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8. Sheet "Results 5 - Rinse-off"



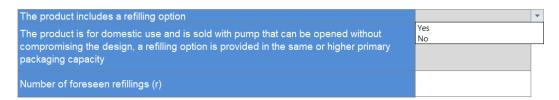
This equals to sheet "Results 4" in the Application form for Animal care products.

This sheet includes the information to evaluate the criterion 5 on packaging. If the product is sold in different packagings, this sheet should be copied and completed for each packaging.

The sheet is divided into three different requirements: the Criterion 5(b) Packaging Impact Ratio, the Criterion 5(c) Information and design of primary packaging and the Criterion 5(d) Design for recycling of plastic packaging.

Results criterion 5(b) Packaging Impact Ratio (PIR)

First of all, indicate if the product includes (Yes) or not (No) a refilling option. If "Yes" indicate the number of foreseen refillings (r).



Fill in the information of the primary packaging and the information of the refill packaging (if it is available) according to the following instructions:

- 1. Weight of the product in the packaging (D) in grams (if a refill is available, weight of the product in the parent pack)
- 2. Volume capacity of the parent pack (V) in ml
- 3. Indicate if the product is sold (Yes) or not sold (No) with secondary packaging
- 4. Amount of packs in secondary packaging.
- 5. Indicate the different parts of the primary packaging, their weight and the weight of non-renewable and non-recycled material. For example, for a toothpaste tube shall be indicated the tube and the cap. If an aluminum stopper is included, that shall be also indicated.
- 6. Indicate the different parts of the secondary packaging (if a secondary packaging is available).
- 7. The PIR values will be directly calculated, indicating the PIR limit and if the result complies (ok, PIR < 0.20) or does not comply (no ok, PIR >0.20) with the criterion.

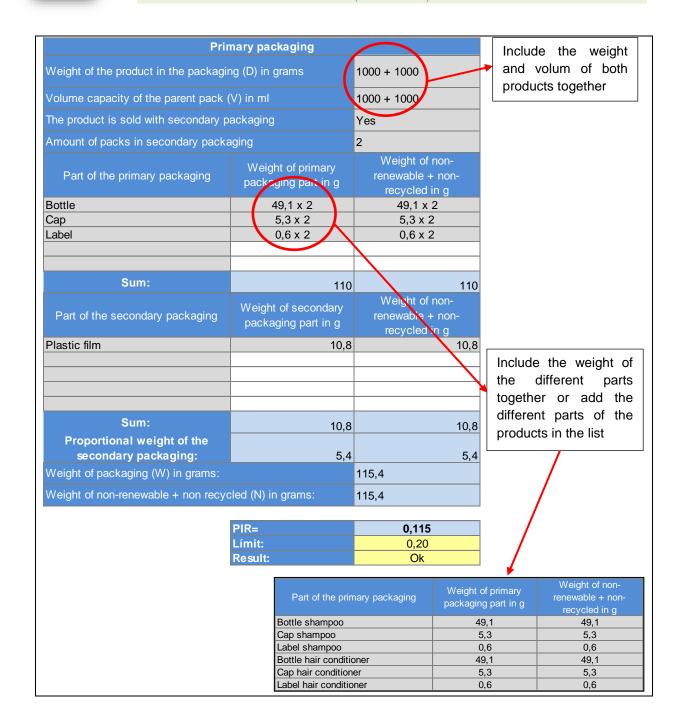
Example 1. A shampoo and a hair conditioner are sold together with a secondary packaging (the secondary packaging groups products that include several elements for their use). The packaging of both products is the same.

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Example 2. A product is sold with pump and a refill option is available:

- Primary packaging: 1L

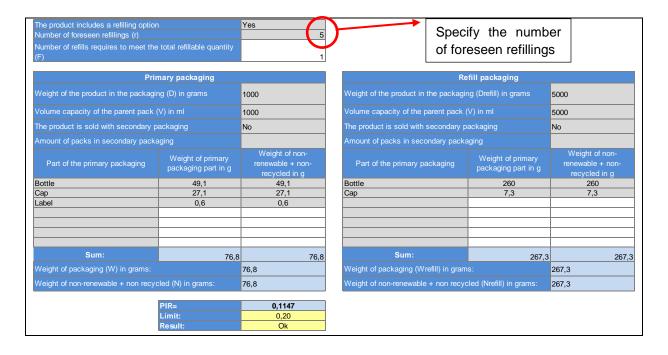
- Refill packaging: 5L

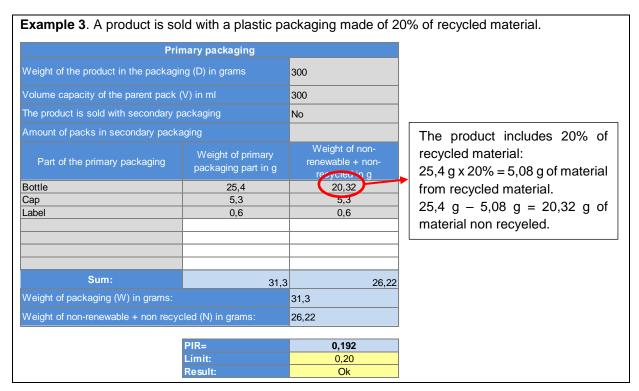
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Results criterion 5(c) Information and design of primary packaging

"Primary packaging and product (m1) in grams" and "Primary packaging emptied and cleaned (m3) in grams" will be directly completed from previously indicated values.

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Indicate "primary packaging and product residue in normal conditions of use (m2)", and R value (residual amount) will be directly calculated. If R comply with the criteria the result will be ok, it not the result will be no ok.



 $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{oldsymbol{oldsymbol{A}}}}$ Find in the User Manual the normal conditions of emptying some examples of packaging.

Results Criterion 5(d) Design for recycling of plastic packaging

Select the materials for the different components of the packaging: container, laber or sleeve, adhesive (if applies), clousure and barrier coating (if applies).

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9. Sheet "Results 5 - Leave-on"



This sheet does not exist in the Application form for Animal care products.

This sheet includes the information to evaluate the criterion 5 on packaging. If the product is sold in different packagings, this sheet should be copied and completed for each packaging.

The sheet is divided into three different requirements: the Criterion 5(b) Packaging Impact Ratio, the Criterion 5(c) Information and design of primary packaging and the Criterion 5(d) Design for recycling of plastic packaging.

Results criterion 5(b) Packaging Impact Ratio (PIR)

First of all, indicate if the product includes (Yes) or not (No) a refilling option. If "Yes" indicate the number of foreseen refillings (r).



Fill in the information of the primary packaging and the information of the refill packaging (if it is available) according to the following instructions:

- 8. Weight of the product in the packaging (D) in grams (if a refill is available, weight of the product in the parent pack)
- 9. Volume capacity of the parent pack (V) in ml
- 10.Indicate if the product is sold (Yes) or not sold (No) with secondary packaging
- 11. Amount of packs in secondary packaging.
- 12.Indicate the different parts of the primary packaging, their weight and the weight of non-renewable and non-recycled material. For example, for a toothpaste tube shall be indicated the tube and the cap. If an aluminum stopper is included, that shall be also indicated.
- 13.Indicate the different parts of the secondary packaging (if a secondary packaging is available).
- 14. The PIR values will be directly calculated, indicating the PIR limit and if the result complies (ok, PIR < 0.20) or does not comply (no ok, PIR >0.20) with the criterion.



If the product is a decorative cosmetic please complete the information from Row 41 to 52.

For decorative cosmetics indicate the different parts of the primary packaging, their weight and the weight of non-renewable and non-recycled material.

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Results criterion 5(c) Information and design of primary packaging

"Primary packaging and product (m1) in grams" and "Primary packaging emptied and cleaned (m3) in grams" will be directly completed from previously indicated values.

Indicate "primary packaging and product residue in normal conditions of use (m2)", and R value (residual amount) will be directly calculated. If R comply with the criteria the result will be ok, it not the result will be no ok.



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Results Criterion 5(d) Design for recycling of plastic packaging

Select the materials for the different components of the packaging: container, laber or sleeve, adhesive (if applies), clousure and barrier coating (if applies).

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10. Sheet "Results 6"



This equals to sheet "Results 5" in the Application form for Animal care products.

This sheet includes information to evaluate the Criterion on Sustainable sourcing of palm oil, palm kernel oil and their derivates.

<u>Column F</u> and <u>Column G</u> will appear in grey for the ingoing substances that have been indicated that contain palm or palm kernel oil in the "ingoing substances sheet

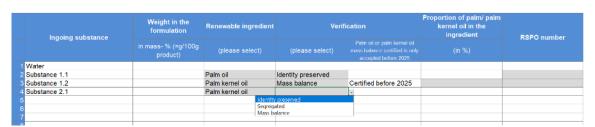
1. In Column F select if substance contains palm oil, palm kernel oil or a derivate of them.



2. In <u>Column G</u> select the corresponding supply chain model (identity preserved, segregated or mass balance) for the uptake of the certified palm oil and palm kernel oil products.



For palm oil and palm kernel oils ingredients, mass balance certification will be only accepted until 1st January 2025.



3. In Column I indicate the RSPO number.

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11. Declarations sheets

The Excel file Application form for Cosmetic products includes two declarations sheets: please fill in the "Declaraction – Rinse-off products" if the product is classified as a rinse-off product. If the product is a leave-on product, you should complete the "Declaration – Leave-on products".

The Excel file Apllication form for Animal care products only includes one declaration sheet (for rinse-off products).

The following considerations shall be taken into account to complete the Declarations sheets:

- The threshold values of the different criteria will be automatically filled-in in the yellow cells considering the information provided in the Excel. If the value is not automatically calculated, please, check that all the information has been correctly completed.
- The cells marked in grey can be filled by the applicant when needed.
- Select the statements of the Column D considering the characteristics of the product.
- If supporting evidence is required, you shall select in the <u>Column D</u> when the documentation is provided.
- When all the requirements are met, the <u>Column S</u> will change automatically to Compliant.



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