

Cosmetics

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	Scope of the criteria
<p>The Good Environmental Choice criteria apply from 2018-03-01 until the next version is introduced. On 2022-02-07, the criteria were evaluated and considered still relevant. The next version will be introduced no earlier than 2023-03-01. Regarding "Material in wet wipes", see below under "12".</p>	

1.10, 4.7	Preservatives
<p>Benzoic acid (CAS 65-85-0) is classified H372 (lungs) (inhalation) but can be used in lotions in accordance with requirement 1.10, since the route of exposure is considered as irrelevant for this particular use.</p>	

1.7	Carcinogenic substances
<p>Since 2013, the WHO's expert body for carcinogens, IARC, classifies benzophenone (CAS No 119-61-9) in group 2B, i.e. "possibly carcinogenic to humans". This has been equated with H351 and benzophenone is therefore not approved for use in Good Environmental Choice.</p>	

1.13	Renewable raw materials
<p>Clarification: The requirement on a policy to increase the proportion of renewable raw materials over time concerns the product for which the company is applying.</p>	

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<p>Perfumes and aromas are exempt from this requirement.</p>	

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<p>If there is a secrecy agreement between the Licence holder and the producing company, we accept that it is the producing company that has the required knowledge of renewable raw materials.</p>	

1.19	Testing of chemicals
<p>Clarification: The requirement applies to testing of chemicals included in the product for which the company is applying.</p>	

1.21	The precautionary principle
Clarification: "...the higher toxicity value..." refers to the value indicating the highest degree of toxicity.	

1.22	Languages
<p>In the countries listed below the following languages must be used (alone or together with other languages).</p> <p>Sweden: Swedish</p> <p>Norway*: Norwegian</p> <p>Finland: Finnish</p> <p>Iceland: Icelandic</p> <p>Denmark*: Danish</p> <p>Faroe Islands: Faroese and Danish</p> <p>Greenland: Greenlandic and Danish</p> <p>Estonia: Estonian</p> <p>Latvia: Latvian</p> <p>Lithuania: Lithuanian</p> <p>Germany: German</p> <p>Italy: Italian</p> <p>Singapore: English</p> <p>Great Britain: English</p> <p>* In Norway and Denmark it is accepted to use a common text, where only the words that differ, or cannot be understood between the countries, have been translated.</p>	

6.2	UV filter
Clarification; when data from acute <u>and</u> chronic toxicity is available, all data must fulfill the requirements in a), b) or c).	

7	Colouring agents
Since tartrazine (CAS number 1934-21-0), according to many registrations in ECHA's C&L inventory, is classified with H317 (May cause an allergic skin reaction) it is not approved for use in Bra Miljöval labelled products.	

7.1	Colouring agents
Kaolin CI 77004 is not approved as a food additive (colour) according to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives, but can be used as colorant in toothpaste.	

10.1	Enzymes
Enzyme stabilizers classified with H317 (May cause an allergic skin reaction) must not exceed 0.01% by weight in the final product.	

11	Other additives
Denatonium benzoate (CAS number 3734-33-6) is approved, despite low biodegradability, when used for denaturing in accordance with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1112, Annex, clause II, i.e. 1.0 gram denatonium benzoate/hectolitre of absolute ethanol.	

11	Other additives
Ingredients that are exempt from the registration obligation according to Annex V § 8 of REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 are exempted from requirements 11.1 - 11.4 (provided that this data is not available) and may be included in the product with a total of 3% by weight.	

11.12	Other additives
Mouth wash must comply with the guidelines established by the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen) on fluorine content.	

12	Material in wet wipes
Bra Miljöval is reviewing the requirements in this section, why the transition period from the 2006 to 2018 criteria has been extended. Adjusted requirements should be fulfilled no later than 2023-01-01. The same applies to new applications for wet wipes.	

13.3	Material in spray nozzels and pump nozzels
Spray nozzels and pump nozzels have an exemption from being made only from polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) or polyethylene terephthalate (PET). The alternative plastics must not contain PVC or other halogenated plastics. The exemption is valid until 2022-11-01.	

13.4	Labeling of plastic packaging
For soft plastic packaging sold in the Nordic countries you can write information about the plastic in a text on the label, instead of using DIN 6120 or American SPI.	

13.5	Paper labels
Paper labels consisting of only new raw material is accepted, provided that 100% of the raw material is FSC certified.	

13.7	Metal in seals for toothpaste
Metal is allowed as seals in tubes for toothpaste.	

	Application, approved ingredients and chemical substances
In several sections of the application form, the applicant should answer whether or not an ingredient or a chemical substance has previously been approved by Good Environmental Choice. We would like to clarify that this refers to ingredients/substances that have been assessed and approved according to the current criteria (from 2018), <u>not</u> the previous ones.	

	Application, origin of raw materials
Please notice that the origin of raw materials (fossil/renewable) may differ even though the trade name and chemical substances are identical. The same applies for the certification level of oil palm-based ingredients. Hence, Appendix E (Origin of raw materials) and Appendix G (Raw material from the oil palm) should be filled out for each application.	

	Test guidelines
EU Method C.1. can be used when no data according to OECD 203 is available. EU Method C.2. can be used when no data according to OECD 202 is available. EU Method C.3. can be used when no data according to OECD 201 is available.	

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