



## **April 2017: Update to NATRUE-certified status of BASF & Evonik Raw Materials**

Whether for finished products and/or raw materials certifying to the requirements of the NATRUE Label Criteria for natural and organic cosmetics uses a system of control by independent certification bodies. Since 2013 NATRUE has launched an accreditation process aimed at verifying the competences, structure and procedures of all the independent certification bodies performing NATRUE's activities internationally.

BASF and Evonik have both been supporters and contributors to the NATRUE raw material certification scheme for many years.

Unfortunately, despite significant discussion between all parties, there remains to-date specific contractual requirements where no satisfactory solution has been reached to permit the possibility of re-certification of either BASF or Evonik raw materials at this time thereby prolonging existing certificates.

The result of this process at present means that:

- BASF or Evonik raw materials holding a valid NATRUE certification certificate have confirmed certified status for automatic use in finished products wishing to carry the NATRUE Label
- As for all non-certified raw materials, in the absence of a valid certificate, and as part of the certification process, finished product manufacturers wishing to carry the NATRUE Label will be asked by their NATRUE approved certifier for supporting documentation in order to evaluate the compliance of each raw material versus the current NATRUE Label criteria requirements

All parties continue to work in close cooperation regarding future developments for recertification.