Step 1: Does the substance meet NATRUE requirements?

1. **Is it a natural substance?** *(Section 2.1)*
   - Non-GMO (Section 1.2.3)
   - CITES, Appendix I restriction? (Section 1.3.1)
   - Has not been subject to ionizing radiation (Section 2.1)

   **NO**
   It is not permitted as a natural fragrance for NATRUE certified products

   **YES**
   2. **Correspond with ISO 9235?** *(Section 1.2.4 of NATRUE Standard)*

   **NO**
   It is not permitted as a natural fragrance for NATRUE certified products

   **YES**
   3. **Are the auxiliary materials (extraction agents; solvents; residual solvent levels) in accordance with NATRUE criteria?**

   **NO**
   It is not permitted as a natural fragrance for NATRUE certified products

   **YES**
   NATRUE compliant fragrance

- **ORIGIN**
  Botanic, inorganic-mineral or animal and their mixtures.

- **MANUFACTURE [permitted]**
  1) Physical process including extraction with the extraction and purifying agents listed in Annex 1a and pH adjusting agents listed in Annex 1b.
  2) Enzymatic and microbiological reactions are also permitted in so far as exclusively naturally occurring microorganisms (non-GMO) or enzymes (non-recombinant) obtained thereof are used, and the end products are identical to those which occur in nature.

- **Natural fragrance raw material** of vegetal, animal or microbiological origin
  Conformity certificate with ISO 9235 required

  * NATRUE compliance requirements for extraction and enzymatic/microbiological reactions used have to be met.

- If non-natural/derived natural solvents or other auxiliaries are used due to no other option being offered by the latest technology, these must be completely removed after processing. For all such substances the residual solvent level must be indicated (e.g. for concretes or the resulting flower absolutes and waxes) in the perfume-specific RMDF (Raw Material Documentation File).
Step 2: How to fill the RMDF in the case of a fragrance for compliant use?

RMDF = Raw Material Documentation File

Although perfumes are a special category within the cosmetic products, information must be provided in order to assess their conformity with the NATRUE criteria.

The details below summarise the fundamental requirements. Please refer to the perfume-specific RMDF for further details, found here.

**Part 1: Identity of the substance**

- **INCI name**: “parfum” or “aroma” for aromatic raw material (ISO 9235 conform) components
- % portion of the aromatic raw material and all other components (natural, nature-identical or derived natural) of the fragrance raw material including all kinds of additives, e.g. solvents, carriers, excipients, preservatives, antioxidants etc. must be declared
- **Trade name, Producer, Supplier**: filled accordingly
- **Solvent Residues**: The residues (if any) must be listed (and evidential support/proof of the levels provided)
- **Non-GMO compliance**: Must declare in the RMDF and enclose certificate for compliance verification
- **Ionizing radiation**: Must declare in the RMDF
- **Labelling notification**: If it contains any of the 26 ingredients according to Article 19(1)(g) of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 these must be listed.
- **Manufacturer’s/Supplier’s stamp, date and signature**: Must be filled in.

**Part 2A: Natural substance (aromatic and non-aromatic raw materials)**

- **INCI name**: Aromatic natural raw materials in natural fragrances corresponding NATRUE natural substances and to ISO standard 9235 may be used; if the formula is not disclosed these fall under the declaration ‘parfum’ or ‘aroma’.

All other non-aromatic raw material components of the fragrance that are also permitted natural substances must be declared (e.g. solvents, carriers, excipients etc.)

- **Certified organic production**: If organic must enclose original organic certificate
- **Fragrance/essential oils**: Must conform to ISO 9235 and enclose certificate (example template here)
- **Certificate of origin (CITES)**: Must complete declaration requirement for starting material in RMDF

**MANUFACTURING STEPS:**

NATRUE acknowledges that some fragrance formulas and/or manufacture for perfume raw materials may be subject to confidentiality. Only in such cases, as part of their conformity assessment with the NATRUE criteria, may it be acceptable to provide a separate signed and dated self-declaration covering:

- Compliance of all aromatic fragrance raw materials corresponding to only natural substances (physical extraction or biotechnologically produced), according to the latest version of the NATRUE criteria (available here).

- Please note that information for assessment on all other components in the fragrance are not covered by this self-declaration and must be provided. This includes, for example, where no other option offered by the latest technology to recover natural substances and non-natural solvents are used, then these solvents must be removed, and the solvent name and residual level must be declared.
Step 2: How to fill the RMDF in the case of a fragrance for compliant use?

RMDF = Raw Material Documentation File

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The details below summarise the fundamental requirements. Please refer to the perfume-specific RMDF for further details, found here.

Part 2B: Nature-identical substance

Only to be completed as applicable and for nature-identical substances (References: Annex 2* and 4a*)

Part 2C: Derived natural substance

Only to be completed as applicable and for those substances in the fragrance that are not themselves aromatic raw materials. (Please note that only natural substances, according to their compliant origin and manufacture and which correspond to ISO 9235 norm, are permitted as aromatic raw materials).

All other components of the fragrance raw material including all kinds of additives, e. g. solvents, carriers, excipients, antioxidants etc. that are also derived natural substances (References: Annex 3* and 4b*) must be declared (origin and manufacture); no self-declaration is permitted.

* New INCIs not listed on Annex 2, 3 or 4 may be included by based upon confirmation of compliance by the NATRUE Scientific Committee as expressed in the Flow Chart here.