What is the NATRUE classification of my substance?

For information purposes only

Please refer to the original NATRUE documents (criteria etc.) for the latest details and binding information

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NATRUE technical guidelines: Abbreviated substances classification

Does the substance (origin*: animal, vegetal, inorganic-mineral) exist in nature?

YES

Can it be obtained directly from its natural source?

YES

Is it obtained using only physical processes, including permitted extraction & purifying agents (Annex 1a) and the pH adjusting agents (Annex 1b)?

YES

Natural substance (Section 2.1)

NO

Not a natural substance OR non-compliant with NATRUE Criteria

NO

Is it obtained using reactions carried out by exclusively naturally occurring enzymes/microorganisms & are the products identical to those which occur in nature?

YES

Natural substance (Section 2.1)

NO

Derived natural substance (Section 2.3) OR if GM micro-organism then non-compliant

Does the substance exist in nature/occur naturally BUT cannot be recovered from nature using reasonable technical effort or in sufficient amounts from its natural sources using state-of-the-art technology.

YES

Nature-identical substance (Section 2.2) if listed on Annex 2 (pigments/minerals) Annex 4a (preservatives)

NO

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NO

Is the substance recovered from a natural substance (Section 2.1) via chemical reactions listed in Section 2.3?

YES

Derived natural substance (Section 2.3) if listed on Annex 3 or 4b

NO

Non-compliant with NATRUE Criteria

Does the substance (origin*: animal, vegetal, inorganic-mineral) exist in nature?

NO

Is the substance recovered from a natural substance (Section 2.1) via chemical reactions listed in Section 2.3?

YES

Derived natural substance (Section 2.3) if listed on Annex 3 or 4b

NO

Non-compliant with NATRUE Criteria

Please note:

* all vegetable and animal starting materials for production of cosmetic raw materials, independent of their final classification as either a natural/derived natural substance, must be of verifiable natural (i.e. non-GMO) origin.

New INCIs not listed on the respective Annex may be approved via the process described in the flow chart here.