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Explanation about the relation between certification according BDIH-Standard and COSMOS-standard

Due to frequently asked questions we would like to give the following explanation:

COSMOS-standard came into force in January 2010 and since then products from BDIH-members can be certified according to COSMOS-standard by IONC GmbH, on behalf of BDIH.

Until the end of 2016, there is no obligation for BDIH-members to apply for certification according COSMOS-standard and until this date it is possible to apply for certification according BDIH-Standard for already existing “old products” as well as for newly applied “new products” in order to use the BDIH certification label.



Nevertheless BDIH recommends to its members to choose certification according COSMOS-standard as soon as possible. There will be no charging of additional licence fees for members of BDIH.

After evaluation, products which fulfil the requirements of COSMOS-standard can be labelled as COSMOS conform, depending on their character as being a natural product („COSMOS natural“) or an organic product („COSMOS organic“)



Cosmetic products where a first application for certification will be after 01.01.2017 will be certified exclusively according COSMOS-standard by IONC GmbH as well as by the other member organizations of COSMOS. Those products will be granted only with certification labels in conjunction with the “COSMOS-signature”. In case of members of BDIH these are the two labels shown above.

Products with an application for certification already before 01.01.2017 can be certified without a deadline according BDIH-standard. It is clear that in this case it is not allowed to use the “COSMOS-signature”. This is possible only if an evaluation according COSMOS-standard has been made on request, and this is possible at any time for products that have been certified before according BDIH-standard.

In summary it can be stated that the implementation of COSMOS-standard will not cause the vanishing of the well-known and recognized certification labels (as the one of BDIH). The use of the additional “COSMOS-signature” is possible and recommended for all products that are in compliance with COSMOS-standard. Compliance with COSMOS-standard is compulsory for all products where application for certification will happen after 01.01.2017. Products that have been certified before according BDIH-Standard are able to conserve their status quo on the basis of BDIH-standard.

Please don't hesitate to ask BDIH if there are any questions.