
**Guidelines on technical definitions
and criteria for natural and organic
cosmetic ingredients and products —**

**Part 1:
Definitions for ingredients**

*Lignes directrices relatives aux définitions techniques et aux critères
applicables aux ingrédients et produits cosmétiques naturels et
biologiques —*

Partie 1: Définitions des ingrédients

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Foreword

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— *Part 1: Definitions for ingredients*

The following part is under preparation:

— *Part 2: Criteria for ingredients and products*

Introduction

ISO 16128 provides guidelines on definitions and criteria for natural and organic cosmetic ingredients and products. These guidelines are specific to the cosmetics sector, taking into account that most existing approaches written for the agricultural and food sector are not directly transferrable to cosmetics. They apply scientific judgment and offer principles towards a consistent logical framework for natural and organic cosmetic ingredients and products incorporating common approaches employed in existing references. The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage a wider choice of natural and organic ingredients in the formulation of a diverse variety of cosmetic products to encourage innovation.

However, it is common, based on other references in the public domain, to cover criteria for ingredients, as well as definitions and criteria for finished products. This will be covered in ISO 16128-2, which will build on and enhance this part.

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