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EU ECOLABEL ECOLOGICAL CRITERIA FOR RINSE-OFF COSMETICS PRODUCTS

A new [EU Commission Decision 2014/893/EU](#) was published on 9 December 2014 to define the criteria for awarding the EU Ecolabel under [Regulation \(EC\) No. 66/2010](#) for rinse-off cosmetic products and related assessment and verification requirements. Decision 2007/506/EC is repealed by this new Decision 2014/893/EU.

Scope of the Decision 2014/893/EU

The scope of this decision includes:

- any rinse-off substance or mixture falling under the scope of Cosmetic Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009
- products intended to be placed in contact with the epidermis and/or the hair system, e.g. toilet soaps, shower preparations, hair conditioning products, shaving products.
- Products for both private and professional use

The scope of this decision excludes:

- Products that are specifically marketed for disinfecting or anti-bacterial use (However, anti-dandruff shampoos are allowed)



TABLE 1. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR AWARDED THE EU ECOLABEL FOR 'RINSE-OFF COSMETIC PRODUCTS'

CRITERIA	HIGHLIGHTS
Toxicity to aquatic organism	Total Critical Dilution Volume (CDV) toxicity of the product shall not exceed the limits as set forth in Table 1 in the Decision
Biodegradability of surfactants & organic ingoing substances	• All surfactants shall be readily biodegradable under aerobic conditions and biodegradable under anaerobic conditions • The content of all organic ingoing substances in the product that are aerobically non-biodegradable (not readily biodegradable) (and anaerobically shall not exceed the limits as set forth in Table 2
Excluded or limited substances and mixtures	• Specified excluded ingoing substances and mixtures • Specified excluded hazardous substances and mixtures with specified Hazard statements & Risk phrases

Packaging	- No secondary packaging except groups ≥ 2 products together - Packaging Impact Ratio (PIR) must be $< 0.28\text{g}$ of packaging/ gram of product - Design and composition of primary packaging
Sustainable sourcing of palm oil, palm kernel oil and their derivatives	Must be sourced from plantations that meet set criteria
Fitness for use	Demonstrate product's efficacy in terms of primary function (e.g. cleaning) and any secondary function claimed (e.g. anti-dandruff)
Information appearing on the EU Ecolabel	Optional label

TABLE 2. INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ECOLABEL

INFORMATION REQUIRED	HIGHLIGHTS
Evidence showing compliance with the criteria	Test reports, declaration etc
Full formulation of the product	- Trade name - Chemical name - CAS No. - INCI names - DID No. (ID No. of ingoing substance on the DID list) - Ingoing quantity - Functions of individual ingredient - Forms of individual ingredient
Safety Data Sheet	For each ingoing substance or mixture

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