

ORGÀNICS CLEAN AWARDS

The Most Demanding Awards on Cosmetics

CATEGORIES

There are three types of categories in the VI ORGÀNICS CLEAN AWARDS:

PRODUCT CATEGORY: All products presented participate in it, regardless of whether they are natural / organic / biodynamic certified or clean.

BRAND CATEGORY: All brands that have submitted 3 or more products are eligible in the brand categories. There are three brand categories:

1. **CERTIFIED (NATURAL / ECOLOGICAL / BIODYNAMIC).** All the brands that had applied with 3 or more products with, at least, the 80% of their products are certified natural, organic or biodynamic. Also, they have to accomplish with the **Anex 1 Prohibited Ingredients**.
2. **CLEAN BRAND:** All the clean non certified brands that had applied with 3 or more products. Also they have to accomplish with the **Anex 1 Prohibited Ingredients**.

SPECIAL CTEGORY: All the brands, whether they have submitted one or 15 products, are participating in the Special Categories Brand Awards.

GENERAL CRITERIA

A.

For participations in the **Natural Certified Category**, the participating products / brands must be **certified** (or accredit being in the process of certification) by one of the European certifiers, as Natural / Organic / Biodynamic with the 80% of their cosmetic products or more by one of those certifiers:

Acene, AIAB, Austria Bio Garantie, Balcan Biocert, BDIH, Bio Cert Italia, Biogarantie, Bio Austria, Bio Inspecta, Bioland, Bio Siegel, CCPB, Cosmebio, COSMOS, Demeter, Ecocert, Eco Control, ICEA, Natrue or Soil Association.

Or the no European:

Australia Certified Organic, NASAA, JAS, NSF, USA, Oasis Organic, USDA, but not Ecolabel, EWG or ISO 16128, because all three certificates allow a lot of ingredients forbidden by the European Certifiers. The brands certified with those three labels should participate in the Clean Brands Categories.

As any other international natural certified, but **always complying with the requirement of the I Annex: Prohibited Ingredients**. The brands that opt for the awards as Natural / Organic / Biodynamic Certified Brand must have at least 80% of their cosmetic products certified, if not the brand will only qualify in the Clean Brand Category.

B.

To participate in the Non-Certified Clean Label categories, participating brands must meet all the requirements of Annex I Prohibited Ingredients.

C.

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All products presented in the VI Organics Clean Awards must have the participating products on sale since june 2024 with the certificate in force in the case of certified cosmetics.

D.

Brands with multiple lines are not eligible for brand awards if any of the products in the brand contain any of the ingredients listed in **Annex I Prohibited Ingredients**, except those marked with an asterisk which are not eligible for awards, but can be present in other products of the brand.

E.

Only brands that have at least 80% of their products certified may apply for the Certified Mark Categories. The remaining 20% of products must comply with **Annex I Prohibited Ingredients**. The brands that apply for the Clean Brand Categories, all the products may comply with the **Annex I Prohibited Ingredients**.

F.

In the case of make-up, several colours of the same product may be submitted in order to better adapt to different skins, and the INCI may vary only in the mixture of pigments but not in the composition of the rest of the product.

The prize will be awarded in the case of foundations and pre-foundations to the product itself and in the case of lipsticks, blushers, eyeshadows and eye and lip pencils the prize will be given to one of the shades.

The same criteria will be followed for perfumes, home perfumes, candles and air fresheners. Several products can be submitted under the same nomination, but the award will be given to one of the scents and not to the whole line.

Companies that have submitted 11-15 products will receive a 2 for 1 discount when presenting products from the categories Babies & Kids, Make-up and Perfume.

Product and brand prizes will be awarded on the basis of the following:

PRODUCTS CRITERIA

A.

Results: The products will be tested by a mixed panel of skins chosen by **Organics Magazine**, both people related to the world of organic cosmetics and people outside it, with an age range between 1 and 75 years and various skin conditions: sensitive skin, with atopic dermatitis, with rosacea, mixed, dry, mature, young, kids&babies...

The results will be an important part of the testing, it means that the product fulfils the claim it proposes.

B.

Sensory qualities. When it comes to cosmetics, sensoriality is one of the most important parts. The use of products with textures, natural scents, absorption levels and skin comfort are taken into account by our jury.

C.

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Purity: The use of oils, butters, extracts and active ingredients in the upper part of the INCI, as well as the way they are extracted (supercritical CO₂, first cold pressed oils, raw materials...) will be valued.

D.

Packaging: design, quality of packaging, sustainability of packaging, minimisation of the use of plastic, absence of unnecessary elements...

E.

Price-quality ratio.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

A.

The participation fee for the product categories ranges from 180 Euro (+VAT) to 470 Euro (+VAT).

From the fourth product onwards, special discounted rates apply.

A 15% discount per application applies until 20 of November 2023.

For each cosmetic product, you can submit **one tool, nutricosmetic or household product free of charge** which will compete in the corresponding categories (see in categories with an asterisk)

B.

For each product submitted, the brand or distributor **shall send in retail size before 15 January 2024 (after 20 January, no products will be accepted and no refunds will be given):**

4 UNITS RETAIL SIZE

1. Facial products: serums and oils (30ml), and facial creams (50ml). If the products are of a smaller size (e.g. a 15ml serum), double the number of products will be submitted.
2. Utensils that can be shared: gua-sha, bowls, ceramic spoons, rollers...
3. Pet products.
4. Eye contour.
5. Facial cleansing products: micellar waters, liquid soaps, tonics, hydrolats, balms, oils...
8. Facial and body sunscreens.
7. Facial and body masks and scrubs (but not single-dose products).
8. Baby and Kids products.

6 RETAIL SIZE UNITS

9. Facial products: ampoule treatments, anti-spot treatments or other specific products that require a longer testing time to see their results.
10. Body products: body creams, oils, moisturising milks...
11. Body treatment products: anti-stretch marks, anti-cellulite, products for tired legs... 6 units or enough product for a full treatment for 6 people.
12. Hygiene products: shower gels, hair conditioners, masks, treatments, oils and shampoos.
13. Solid products of any kind (soaps, butters, deodorants, shampoos).
14. Hygiene products: toothpastes, deodorants, lip balms, intimate hygiene products, anti-mosquito products.
15. Make-up (mascara, lipsticks, eye shadows, blushers, foundations, pre-foundations...).
16. Perfumes.

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17. Nutricosmetics.

18. Utensils that cannot be shared (muslin, tongue scrapers, dental floss, body, hair and toothbrushes, sponges, brushes, soap dishes, vanity cases...).

19. Household products: candles, scents, incense...

20. Roll-on products.

21. Single-dose products.

If additional products are required, the brand must send the necessary units within one week so that the testing of the products is up to standard.

C.

Sunscreen products must be accompanied by **documentation showing the absolute absence of nanoparticles, even if they are coated**, including a report detailing the smallest particle, largest and average size of the mineral sunscreen used. Also, the size must be stated excluding the coating.

If it is subsequently discovered that the product contains filters with nanoparticles, the award will be withdrawn.

D.

From the third product submitted onwards, direct access is granted to the Brand Awards, participating in all the categories applicable to it within its category (Certified Natural / Organic / Biodynamic or Clean Brand).

E.

In order to correctly evaluate the professional protocols in the case of products competing in the categories of products for professionals, cabins and spas, **these products/treatments will be evaluated within the protocol proposed by the participating brand by directing our jury to a specialised centre in the province of Valencia** (Spain) where the participating product/protocol will be applied to a minimum of 6 members of our jury who will be chosen according to the dermatological profile that best suits the needs of the treatment.

If there is no specialised centre in the province of Valencia where the product/protocol can be applied, the participating brand will provide a centre outside the province or will send a professional so that the jury can correctly evaluate the product/protocol.

Treatments and travel outside the province of Valencia will be paid for by the participating company.

F.

The Special Brand Awards are given to those brands that are strongly committed to one of the values that inspire each of the categories, **regardless of the number of products presented**.

It is a recognition of a brand's philosophy, and not so much of its products.

G.

Any brand or product category may be declared void if the products submitted do not meet the requirements for the award.

Similarly, runners-up prizes may be awarded to brands and products deserving that recognition.

H.

If any of the products contain any of the toxic ingredients listed in **Annex I Prohibited Ingredients**, **they will not be eligible for any award and will not be reimbursed**.

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However, the brand may recover the products at its own expense.

Similarly, a brand will be excluded from the Brand Awards if any of its products contain any of the ingredients listed in **Annex I Prohibited Ingredients**, but those with asterisk that can be present in other products of the brand.

I.

The winning and finalist brands, as well as the accessits, will receive the png stamp on the day of the awards ceremony to be used on their products, websites and packaging **without any additional cost or limitation**.

J.

The award does not expire and will only be withdrawn if the product or brand ceases to be certified or **changes its composition by more than 20% of the ingredients downwards** (e.g. substituting water for hydrolate, but not vice versa).

If, on the other hand, it includes any of the prohibited ingredients, any product or brand award obtained will be immediately revoked.

K.

The organisation is not responsible for customs fees in the case of products not submitted to the European Cosmetics Portal. **The cost of customs duties will be borne by the brand, as well as the cost of handling the documentation and ensuring that the products arrive within the time limits.**

L.

By submitting each application, **the brand manager and/or distributor of the brand accepts the terms and conditions expressed in these rules and must submit the affidavit signed.**

DOCUMENTATION

Each company must fill in the Brand and Product Form with the details of each of the products. The link to fill in this form will be sent to you after submitting your application.

DEADLINES

A.

The deadline for applications will begin on 1 November 2023 and end on 15 December 2023.

B.

Products may be submitted until 15 of January of 2024. **Products not received by 20 January 2024 will not be eligible for the prizes and the amount paid will not be refunded.**

C.

The VI ORGÀNICS CLEAN AWARDS will be held on 1 of July 2024.

D.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact us at info@organicscleanawards.com

ANNEX 1 PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS

In no case, submitted products, both non certified and certified, may contain any of these ingredients:

2Bromo-2Nitropropane1,3 Diol.

Acrylamide

Aluminum Chlorhydrate.

Aluminum Chloride.

Aluminum Chlorohydrex y Aluminum Chlorohydrex PG.

Aluminum Fluoride. *

Aluminium Sesquichlorohydrate.

Aluminium Zirconium Trichlorohydrex GLY.

Amines MEA, DEA, TEA or other ammonia based ingredients.

ALS, Ammonium Lauryl Sulphate.

BHA y BHT.

Benzene and its derivatives (but benzyl alcohol).

Benzalkonium chloride.

Boric Acid.

Calcium Salicylate.

Camphor.

Galaxolide and any synthetic musk.

GMO.

Heavy Metals (lead, mercury, nickel, cadmium...)

Hexane and its derivates.

Hydroquinone.

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Isethionates.

Isothiazolinones of any type.

Mineral oils and petrochemical derivatives. (ceresin, ozokerite, paraffinum, mineral oil, microcrystalline wax, ceresin, petrolatum, vaseline...).

Nanoparticles.

Organic Halides (AOX).

Parabens.

Pegylated ingredients (PEG, PPG).

Phenoxyethanol.

Phthalates (or alcohol denat with phthalates).

Plastic beads.

Potassium Alum.

Products based on chlorine or chlorinated derivatives.

Radiated ingredients.

Retinyl Palmitate. *

Resorcinol.

Silicones, dimethicones and siloxanes.

SLES and other ethoxylated ingredients.

SLS, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate.

Selenium Sulphide.

Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate *

Sodium iodate.

Sodium Borate.

Thimerosal.

Toluene (also Methylbenzene).

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Triclocarban.

Triclosan.

Xylene.

Any other ingredient presented in the European Union's REACH list of worrisome substances.