Transparency framework

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The transparency framework helps producers and brands document their vision and work, enabling consumers and professionals to make informed purchasing decisions. It contributes to a shared commitment to sustainable aromatherapy.

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Part 1: Core questions

Product information and labelling

Transparency of information provided to consumers and professionals.

PI SDG 12.8 Product information transparency

Code	Question	Answer
PI-1	**Where is product information available?**	Product label (on the product or its packaging) · Product web page · Documentation *(one or more)*
PI-2	**Technical product specifications publicly available** Technical product specifications describe a product's characteristics and, where relevant, its composition and technical parameters. They are distinct from product labels, marketing descriptions and batch-specific analysis reports.	Always · Partially · Never
PI-3	**Geographic origin precision**	Country · Region
PI-4	**Analytical documentation availability** Availability of analytical documentation, such as certificates of analysis or laboratory reports, for applicable products. Indicate whether it can be downloaded, requested or is unavailable.	Downloadable · On request · Not available · Not applicable
PI-7	**Safety data sheet (SDS/MSDS) availability** Availability of safety data sheets (SDS/MSDS) for applicable products. Indicate whether they can be downloaded, requested or are unavailable. Select Not applicable only when safety data sheets are not applicable to the brand’s products.	Downloadable · On request · Not available · Not applicable
PI-5	**Natural-origin content calculations** Indicate whether natural-origin content calculations are documented for applicable cosmetic products. ISO 16128-1:2016 defines ingredient categories; ISO 16128-2:2017 provides calculation methods. Select 'Not applicable' where no products fall within this scope.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
PI-6	**Organic-origin content calculations** Indicate whether organic-origin content calculations are documented for applicable cosmetic products. ISO 16128-1:2016 defines ingredient categories; ISO 16128-2:2017 provides calculation methods. A calculated organic-origin content does not establish organic certification. Select 'Not applicable' where no products fall within this scope.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

PI SDG 12.8 Product information transparency

Code	Question	Answer
PI-8	**IFRA conformity documentation availability** Availability of supplier-issued documentation stating conformity with applicable IFRA Standards and specifying maximum use levels for relevant fragrance product categories. Indicate whether it can be downloaded, requested or is unavailable. Such documentation is not certification issued by IFRA and does not constitute a comprehensive product safety assessment. Select Not applicable where IFRA conformity documentation is not relevant to the products offered.	Downloadable · On request · Not available · Not applicable + *link*

PL Product labeling

Code	Question	Answer
PL-1	**Compliance with applicable product labelling regulations** Compliance with applicable EU and national labelling requirements, including those for cosmetics, food supplements, foods, herbal medicinal products and chemical substances or mixtures (CLP), according to the product's regulatory classification.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-2	**Botanical identity stated** Identification of the plant source by its scientific botanical name, including genus and species.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-3	**Chemotype stated where relevant** Indication of the chemotype when chemically distinct profiles occur within the same botanical species.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-4	**Plant part and optional development stage stated** Identification of the plant part used for extraction and, where relevant, its developmental stage at harvest.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-5	**Extraction method stated** Identification of the method used to obtain the botanical extract, such as distillation, expression or solvent extraction.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-6	**Country of origin stated** Indication of the country where the botanical raw material was cultivated or harvested.	Always · Partially · Never
PL-7	**Lot number stated** Identification of the product batch by a lot number enabling traceability.	Always · Partially · Never

Quality, authenticity and sourcing

Quality assurance, botanical authenticity, analytical verification and supply chain integrity.

QP Quality policy

Code	Question	Answer
QP-1	**Quality management system in place**	Certified · Documented · Self-declared · Not documented
QP-2	**Quality control performed by**	Third-party lab · In-house lab · Supplier certificate only · Not documented

AD Analytical documentation

Code	Question	Answer
AD-1	**Chromatographic profile** Indicate whether chromatographic profiles are provided for applicable products in your range, not necessarily for every product.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-2	**Relative density** Indicate whether relative density results are documented for applicable products in your range.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-3	**Refractive index** Indicate whether refractive index results are documented for applicable products in your range.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-4	**Optical rotation** Indicate whether optical rotation results are documented for applicable products in your range.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-5	**Fatty acid composition** Indicate whether fatty acid composition is documented for applicable products, especially vegetable and other lipid-rich oils.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-6	**Acid value and peroxide value** Indicate whether acid and peroxide values are documented for applicable products, especially vegetable and other lipid-rich oils.	Always · Partially · Never
AD-7	**Microbiological analysis** Indicate whether microbiological test results are documented for applicable products, especially hydrolats and other water-containing preparations.	Always · Partially · Never

AD Analytical documentation

Code	Question	Answer
AD-8	**Marker compound analysis** Indicate whether measured marker compounds are documented for applicable extracts, such as CO_2 extracts, absolutes and other botanical extracts.	Always · Partially · Never

BA Botanical authenticity and adulteration: Purchased extracts

Code	Question	Answer
BA-1	**Supplier authenticity documentation checked** Checks supplier records of botanical identity, plant part, extraction method and relevant origin against purchasing requirements.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*
BA-2	**Analytical results reviewed against product specifications** Reviews analytical results for purchased extracts against relevant product specifications. Unexplained deviations require investigation and do not, on their own, establish adulteration.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*
BA-3	**Targeted adulteration testing of purchased extracts** Documents targeted testing of purchased extracts for identified risks, such as dilution, substitution, addition of undeclared compounds or mixing with other extracts. Methods are selected according to the suspected adulteration.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*
BA-4	**Procedures for handling suspected adulteration** Documents how suspect purchased lots are held, investigated and accepted or rejected.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*

BP Botanical authenticity and adulteration: Production

Code	Question	Answer
BP-1	**Botanical identity verified before processing** Checks the species and relevant plant part of botanical material before extraction or processing.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*
BP-2	**Segregation of botanical materials and production lots** Documents controls to prevent unintended mixing or substitution of species, materials and lots.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*
BP-3	**Extraction and processing records maintained** Records extraction methods, processing steps and any substances added for each production lot.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*

BP Botanical authenticity and adulteration: Production

Code	Question	Answer
BP-4	**Finished extract authenticity verification** Verifies finished extracts by comparing documented analytical results with appropriate product specifications or authenticated reference profiles, where applicable.	Always · Partially · Never · Not applicable + *link*

SP Sourcing policy

Code	Question	Answer
SP-9	**Supplier qualification and monitoring procedures** Procedures for assessing and approving suppliers, monitoring their practices, and addressing identified non-conformities, including corrective actions where necessary.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
SP-1	**Sourcing model**	Own production · Direct from producers · Cooperatives · Brokers or traders · Not disclosed *(one or more)*
SP-2	**Share of range produced in-house** Count extracts actually produced by the business, excluding products merely bottled, relabelled or marketed under its own brand. Count distinct botanical extract products offered, not bottle sizes, sales or volume. Majority: over 50%; minority: over 0% to 50%; none: 0%.	Majority · Minority · None · Not disclosed
SP-3	**Share of range purchased directly from producers** Count extracts purchased directly from the business that produced them, without an independent trading intermediary. Exclude products produced in-house. Count distinct botanical extract products offered, not bottle sizes, sales or volume. Majority: over 50%; minority: over 0% to 50%; none: 0%.	Majority · Minority · None · Not disclosed
SP-4	**Producers named** Indicate whether the business that actually distilled or extracted each applicable product is named. Naming only the brand owner, importer or reseller does not count.	Always · Partially · Never
SP-5	**Sourcing regions disclosed** Indicate whether the brand discloses the geographical regions where the plants used in its extracts are grown or harvested. This refers to the origin of the plants, not the location of distillation, extraction or packaging.	Always · Partially · Never

SP Sourcing policy

Code	Question	Answer
SP-6	**Typical number of intermediaries** Indicate the usual number of independent businesses that purchase and resell extracts between the producer (distiller or extractor) and the brand. Exclude transporters, warehouses, brokers who do not purchase the extracts, and businesses providing only packaging services.	0 · 1 · 2 or more · Not disclosed
SP-7	**Identification of the extract producer** Indicate whether the brand identifies the distiller, extractor or producer cooperative responsible for producing its botanical extracts. Identifying only a trader, wholesaler or reseller is not sufficient. Select Producer not identified only if neither a distiller, extractor nor producer cooperative is identified.	Distiller or extractor identified · Producer cooperative identified · Producer not identified + *link*
SP-8	**Origin or chain-of-custody documentation available** Indicate whether the brand provides documents establishing the geographical origin of the plants or tracing the movement of the resulting extracts through the supply chain. Specify whether these documents are downloadable, available on request or unavailable.	Downloadable · On request · Not available · Not applicable

Sustainability and responsibility

Environmental, social and economic responsibilities, structured around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

GH SDG 3 Good health and well-being

Code	Question	Answer
GH-1 3.9	**Pesticide residue analysis**	Always · Partially · Never
GH-2 3.9	**Residual solvent analysis**	Always · Partially · Never

CW SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation

Code	Question	Answer
CW-1 6.4	**Recording of water consumption in production or processing**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
CW-2 6.3	**Documented handling and disposal procedures for chemicals used**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

DW SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth

Code	Question	Answer
DW-1 8.3	**Support for local producers and small enterprises through documented purchasing or support arrangements**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
DW-2 8.5	**Documented remuneration terms for workers and supplying producers**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
DW-3 8.5	**Documented equal-opportunity and non-discrimination measures**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
DW-4 8.7	**Documented measures to prevent child labour and forced labour**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
DW-5 8.8	**Documented measures to protect workers' rights**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
DW-6 8.8	**Documented occupational health and safety measures**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

II SDG 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Code	Question	Answer
II-1 9.4	**Recording of botanical raw-material inputs and resulting product quantities**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
II-2 9.4	**Documented measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
II-3 9.4	**Documented use of renewable energy in operations**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

RC SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production

Code	Question	Answer
RC-1 12.2	**Recording and reduction of post-harvest botanical material losses**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
RC-2 12.5	**Documented measures to prevent, reuse or recycle production waste**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
RC-3 12.5	**Documented measures to reduce or recycle packaging waste**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

RC SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production

Code	Question	Answer
RC-4 12.6	**Publication of sustainability information or a sustainability report** Indicate whether the brand publishes information about its approach to sustainability, including environmental and social aspects, in a report, on its website or in other publicly accessible documents. Provide a link to this information if it is available online.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented + *link*
RC-5 12.8	**Consumer guidance on responsible purchasing** Indicate whether the brand advises consumers to buy appropriate quantities and avoid unnecessary purchases or stockpiling. Provide a link to the guidance where available. Select Not applicable if the brand operates exclusively business-to-business and does not address end consumers directly.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
RC-6 12.8	**Consumer guidance on environmentally responsible product use** Indicate whether the brand provides consumers with guidance on environmentally responsible product use, explaining how recommended practices can contribute to reducing environmental impact. Provide a link to the guidance where available. Select Not applicable if the brand operates exclusively business-to-business and does not address end consumers directly.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
RC-7 12.8	**Consumer guidance on product storage** Indicate whether the brand provides consumers with storage guidance aimed at preventing premature product deterioration and avoidable losses. Provide a link to the guidance where available. Select Not applicable if the brand operates exclusively business-to-business and does not address end consumers directly.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
RC-8 12.8	**Consumer guidance on responsible disposal** Indicate whether the brand advises consumers on responsible disposal of unused products and their packaging, including relevant waste sorting or collection instructions. Provide a link to the guidance where available. Select Not applicable if the brand operates exclusively business-to-business and does not address end consumers directly.	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

CA SDG 13 Climate action

Code	Question	Answer
CA-1 13.1	**Documented assessment of climate risks and adaptation measures**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

CA SDG 13 Climate action

Code	Question	Answer
CA-2 13.2	**Recording of greenhouse gas emissions for defined operations**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented + *link*
CA-3 13.3	**Documented climate-related training or awareness activities for staff or suppliers**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

LO SDG 15 Life on land

Code	Question	Answer
LO-1 15.1	**Documented harvesting limits or regeneration measures for wild-collected plants**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
LO-2 15.2	**Documented checks to prevent sourcing linked to deforestation**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
LO-3 15.3	**Documented soil conservation or restoration measures at cultivation sites**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
LO-4 15.5	**Documented measures to protect biodiversity and natural habitats**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
LO-5 15.5	**Documented checks and safeguards for threatened plant species in sourcing**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*
LO-6 15.6	**Documented access and benefit-sharing arrangements where genetic resources are used**	Documented · Self-declared · Not documented · Not applicable + *link*

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