

HOW WE PROTECT NATURE



Ecogarantie needs to ensure the cosmetic products are safe and will not cause any harm to people, animals, plants and the environment. Second, companies with Ecogarantie products need to have a social policy which guarantees certain aspects of genuine relationships. Furthermore, the products must have a minimal impact on the environment thus reducing the company's ecological footprint. Lastly, both the label and its members strive for transparency and honesty.

SAFETY

- Ecogarantie products need to follow European and Belgian **legislation** in terms of safety and labelling.
- **All products** are safe: they must be registered to the relevant poison information centres, have safety evaluations and must incorporate a comprehensive quality control of their raw materials and finished products.
- **Animal testing** is forbidden on Ecogarantie products as per the European law that all cosmetic products must not be tested on animals.

SOCIALLY

- The production must respect basic **human rights** or be linked to social justice.
- Each company which employs more than 10 people must have a **social justice policy**. It will guarantee equal rights and equal treatment to all of its employees, without discriminating them on the basis of age, sex, race, philosophical convictions or sexual inclination.
- In view of **fair trade**, fair prices must be paid to suppliers, and consumers must be offered fair prices as well. This to ensure a good relationship between the supplier, processor and customer.

ECOLOGICALLY

AUTHORIZED INGREDIENTS

- Organically-grown ingredients must be included to a maximum
- Origin of ingredients is subject to restricted processes that are ecological
- Raw materials and packaging materials will be renewable where possible

RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Halogen chemistry is not allowed
- GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) ingredients or techniques are not allowed in the chain of production
- VOC (Volatile Organic Components) are not allowed or limited

ZERO WASTE

- Low energy input during production
- Minimal waste while sourcing the raw materials
- High level of recycling

RESPECT FOR NATURE

- Low emissions
- Reasonable transport
- Low level of toxicity for water life
- Good biodegradability for both anaerobic and aerobic environments

NEUTRALITY

- The auditing bodies who certify Ecogarantie products work **independently** of Ecogarantie. The union has no influence on their audits.
 - The Ecogarantie union and its members have strong **moral** principles and wish to make the label the best and most honest quality label in Europe.
 - Through our various communication channels, we stay in contact with our members. We all strive for open, honest and clear **communication**.
 - We believe that **transparency** and honesty are vital for the credibility of both Ecogarantie and its members.
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