

# Soil Association

## Health Products Standards Committee

29<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
Conference call

### Minutes

**Present:** Mike Brook, Pauline Hilli, Cyril Lombard, Helen Lynn, Jan Kusmirek, Sarah Froom, Abi Weeds, Marian Morley.

**Staff:** Francis Blake, Maarten Van Perlo, Martyn Cole, Emma Titterton, Liz Butterfield, Monica Staniaszek, Chris Atkinson.

#### 1. Introduction, welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Dirk Develter, Peter Roberts, Ian Taylor.

#### 2. COSMOS-standard - for decision *ref 759.01*

##### 2.1 Background

Francis outlined the recent history of the COSMOS-standard. It was now moving into the organisational phase, the nature of the organization, membership and the approval process for certifiers.

##### 2.2 Identify any issues that need amendment

The committee discussed the standard and various points were raised. It was agreed to draw up a statement to communicate to the COSMOS group the points agreed.

##### 2.3 Recommendation for approval

Taking the above into account, the committee agreed to recommend acceptance of the COSMOS-standard.

#### 3. Retention of additional standards over and above the COSMOS-standard

##### 3.1 Requiring 'organic if available' of physically processed agro-ingredients

The committee agreed that this should be an additional requirement.

##### 3.2 Prohibition of sodium lauryl sulphate (allowed as per appendix II)

This should not be an additional requirement, though of course companies will have to list it in their INCI list.

##### 3.3 Additional equivalence requirements for wild crafted ingredients (6.1.3)

This should not be an additional requirement but it should be in the statement.

#### 4. Adoption of the 'natural certification' part of the standard

There was general support for adopting natural certification as well. However, there was concern about how it would be labelled. The committee agreed that there should be no use of the symbol.

**5. Any other issues?**

Approved product database – the committee welcomed this proposal.

**6. Date of next meeting**

No date set.