

ECOCERT & COSMOS Approved Preservation System

Cosmetic preservatives allowed by Ecocert (a certifying body for sustainable development) and COSMOS (Organic and Natural Cosmetics, COSMOS-certified products are produced to the highest standards for organic and natural cosmetics, and are safe, effective and good to use.) are considered more skin friendly than some traditional preservatives. Most are naturally occurring in botanicals and so are considered by the certifying bodies to be suitable for products marketed as natural. According to the latest Ecocert and COSMOS standards the following preservatives are allowed in cosmetic products certified as *Natural and Organic*:

<u>Ecocert / COSMOS Compliant Cosmetic Preservatives</u>	
Preservative	Ecocert / COSMOS compliant
Benzoic acid and its salts	Yes
Benzyl alcohol	Yes
Dehydroacetic acid and its salts	Yes
Salicylic acid and its salts	Yes
Sorbic acid and its salts	Yes

Ecocert compliant preservatives

Iscaguard BSB

INCI: Benzyl alcohol, Benzoic acid, Sorbic acid

Iscaguard BOA

INCI: Benzyl alcohol, Dehydroacetic acid, Benzoic acid, Sorbic acid

Iscaguard BA

INCI: Benzyl alcohol

Aquaguard NK12

INCI: Aqua, Sodium benzoate, Potassium sorbate

Aquaguard 9093

INCI: Aqua, Sodium benzoate, Sodium dehydroacetate

Aquaguard 9088

INCI: Benzyl alcohol, Dehydroacetic acid, Aqua