

# INCI WITHOUT SECRETS



## ACRONYM DECIPHERED

- **INCI** – International **Nomenclature** of **Cosmetics Ingredients**
- cosmetic component naming system

## INCI COMPOSITION

Cosmetic manufacturers are required by law to display **full** ingredient information according to established **INCI names**.



## INCI NAMES UNIVERSALITY

The system has been standardised and described according to fixed rules, so the INCI names are universal throughout the World.

## LANGUAGE OF RECORD

- The **Latin** name INCI indicates the plant that is the source of the extract obtained.
- Synthetic ingredients are listed in **English**.



## POPULAR ADDITIVES

- solvents: *Aqua*
- emulifiers: *Ceteareth-25*
- preservatives: *Formaldehyde*
- thickeners: *Cetearyl Alcohol*

## SEQUENCE MATTERS

The items in the INCI formulation are ordered in **descending** order of concentration in % of substance.



## NOT ONLY COSMETICS

The INCI system is also used in pharmaceuticals, industrial chemistry or biotechnology, among others.