

# Safety Assessment of Palm-Derived Ingredients as Used in Cosmetics

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## Abstract

The Expert Panel for Cosmetic Ingredient Safety (Panel) reviewed the safety of 8 palm tree (*Euterpe edulis* (juçara) and *Euterpe oleracea* (açai))-derived ingredients as used in cosmetic products; these ingredients are reported to function mostly as skin conditioning agents. The Panel reviewed relevant data relating to the safety of these ingredients in cosmetic formulations. Industry should continue to use good manufacturing practices to limit impurities. The Panel concluded that palm tree (açai and juçara)-derived ingredients are safe in cosmetics in the present practices of use and concentration described in this safety assessment.

## Keywords

Cosmetic Ingredient Review, Expert Panel for Cosmetic Ingredient Safety, Safety, Cosmetics, Palm Tree, Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract, Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract, Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract, Euterpe Oleracea Juice, Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract, Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder, Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder, Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit

## Introduction

The safety of the following 8 palm tree (açai and juçara)-derived ingredients, as used in cosmetics, is reviewed in this safety assessment.

Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract	Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract
Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract	Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder
Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract	Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder
Euterpe Oleracea Juice	Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit

According to the web-based *International Cosmetic Ingredient Dictionary and Handbook* (wINCI; *Dictionary*), the palm tree-derived ingredients are reported to function mostly as skin conditioning agents in cosmetic products (See Table 1).<sup>1</sup> Other functions are also reported; for example, Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder and Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder are reported to function as abrasives and exfoliants in cosmetics.

The ingredient group that is being reviewed in this safety assessment (*Euterpe oleracea* (açai)- and *Euterpe edulis* (juçara)-derived ingredients) was formed based on the supposition that ingredients from a given genus and species, and on a closely related species (i.e., *edulis* and *oleracea*), would

have constituents in common. For example, both species have the following constituents in common: catechin, chlorogenic acid, cyanidin-3-glucoside, cyanidin-3-rutinoside, ellagic acid, ferulic acid, gallic acid, pelargonidin-3-glucoside, and peonidin-3-rutinoside.<sup>2–14</sup>

This safety assessment includes relevant published and unpublished data that are available for each endpoint that is evaluated. Published data are identified by conducting an exhaustive search of the world's literature. A list of the typical search engines and websites used, sources explored, and endpoints that the Panel evaluates, is available on the Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) website (<https://www.cir-safety.org/supplementaldoc/preliminary-search-engines-and-websites>; <https://www.cir-safety.org/supplementaldoc/cir-report-format-outline>). Unpublished data

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are provided by the cosmetics industry, as well as by other interested parties.

Botanicals, such as *Euterpe edulis*- or *Euterpe oleracea*-derived ingredients, may contain hundreds of constituents. In this assessment, the Panel reviewed the potential toxicity of each of the botanical ingredients as a whole, complex mixture. The Panel did not review the potential toxicity of the individual constituents.

Because the safety of *Euterpe oleracea*-derived ingredients is being reviewed in this safety assessment, it should be noted that the Panel published a safety assessment on Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Oil (and other plant-derived fatty acid oils) in 2017.<sup>15</sup> Based on the available data, the Panel concluded that the ingredients included in that report are safe in the present practices of use and concentration described in the safety assessment. The full report on these ingredients can be accessed on CIR website (<https://www.cir-safety.org/ingredients>).

Given some similarities in composition (based on the available data) between different plant parts of *Euterpe oleracea*, data on plant parts that are not identified in the names of the cosmetic ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment are included. Additionally, although *Euterpe edulis* fruit oil was reviewed previously (and therefore is not among cosmetic ingredients being reviewed), data on the oil are also included to supplement the data in this report.

It is often not known how the substance being tested in a study compares to the ingredient that is being used in cosmetics. In the report text, if it is known that the material being tested is a cosmetic ingredient, the *Dictionary* naming convention will be used (i.e., the names of cosmetic ingredients are capitalized, without italics (e.g., Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract)). If it is not known that the test substance is the same as the cosmetic ingredient, then the taxonomic naming conventions will be used (i.e., with genus and species name, italicized (e.g., a *Euterpe edulis* fruit extract)).

## Chemistry

### Definition and General Characterization

The definitions and reported functions in cosmetics of these ingredients, according to the *Dictionary*, are presented in Table 1.<sup>1</sup> The *Euterpe oleracea*-derived ingredients are associated with two generic CAS numbers, i.e., 879496-95-4 and 906351-38-0; CAS numbers are not identified for the *Euterpe edulis*-derived ingredients.

The palm species *Euterpe edulis* Martius, popularly known as juçara (or jussara) and açáidosol, is a native tree of the Atlantic Forest (South American forest).<sup>16</sup> The juçara palm produces a spherical purple fruit. *Euterpe oleracea* Martius (açai), is a native species of tree in the Amazon rainforest.<sup>17</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* produces a spherical fruit (berry) that

**Table 1.** Definitions and Functions of the Ingredients in This Safety Assessment.<sup>1</sup>

Ingredient CAS No.	Definition & Structures	Function(s)
Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract	Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract is the extract of the fruit of <i>Euterpe edulis</i> .	Skin-Conditioning Agents - Miscellaneous
Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract	Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract is the extract of the sap of <i>Euterpe edulis</i> .	Skin-Conditioning Agents - Miscellaneous
Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract 879496-95-4 (generic) 906351-38-0 (generic)	Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract is the extract of the fruit of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> .	Hair Conditioning Agents
Euterpe Oleracea Juice 879496-95-4 (generic) 906351-38-0 (generic)	Euterpe Oleracea Juice is the juice expressed from the fruit of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> .	Skin-Conditioning Agents - Miscellaneous
Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract 879496-95-4 (generic) 906351-38-0 (generic)	Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract is the extract of the palm heart of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> .	Skin-Conditioning Agents - Emollient
Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder 879496-95-4 (generic) 906351-38-0 (generic)	Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder is the powder obtained from the dried, ground pulp of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> .	Abrasives; Antioxidants; Exfoliants; Skin-Conditioning Agents - Miscellaneous
Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder 879496-95-4 906351-38-0	Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder is the powder obtained from the dried, ground seeds of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> .	Abrasives; Exfoliants
Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit	Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit is the hydrolysate of the fruit of <i>Euterpe oleracea</i> derived by acid, enzyme, or other method of hydrolysis.	Skin-Conditioning Agents - Miscellaneous

contains a single seed in the center.<sup>18</sup> Heart of palm (vegetable) is composed of the apical meristem of the palm plus part of the young or immature leaves emerging from the meristem.<sup>19</sup> Plant part definitions are presented in Table 2.<sup>1</sup>

## Method of Manufacture

**Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract.** The method of manufacture for a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) provided by a supplier is as follows:<sup>20</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* fruit is processed (mechanical grinding/milling). This process is followed by aqueous extraction (at specific pH and temperature) for a specified duration. The aqueous fruit extract is then subjected to tangential flow filtration to isolate the desired components. Addition of *Lactobacillus* ferment is the next step, and batch adjustments are made if needed (refiltration). A sample is then subjected to quality control, after which the material is packed and sampled for microbiological analysis prior to shipment.

**Euterpe Oleracea Juice.** According to one manufacturer of a *Euterpe oleracea* juice, for use in foods, this juice is obtained by cold pressing the thin pulp of the ovoidal fruit (berry) of *Euterpe oleracea* Mart.<sup>21</sup>

The method of manufacture for Euterpe Oleracea Juice (undiluted, freeze dried), provided by a supplier, is as follows:<sup>22</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* is cold-pressed for juice. This process is followed by filtration to remove unnecessary plant matter. The filtrate is then freeze dried, and batch adjustments are made, if necessary. A sample is then subjected to quality control, after which the material is packed. The packed material is then sampled for microbiological analysis prior to shipment, and it is reconstituted with water for use.

**Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder.** In one production method, the fruit pulp obtained from *Euterpe oleracea* fruit harvested in Brazil was frozen.<sup>23</sup> Samples of spray-dried pulp were obtained using an industrial scale spray dryer system and anionic maltodextrin DE10 was used as a carrier agent.

## Composition/Impurities

**Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract.** The composition of a *Euterpe edulis* fruit extract has been characterized using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry and solvents with

different polarities (hexane, ethyl acetate, or chloroform) for extraction. These data are presented in Table 3.<sup>24</sup>

According to research investigating the major anthocyanins (type of flavonoid) and non-anthocyanin phenolic compounds in a *Euterpe edulis* fruit extract, high amounts of anthocyanins, approximately 26 mg/g dry weight basis (dwb), of a total of 31 mg/g dwb of phenolic compounds, were detected.<sup>2</sup> Cyanidin-3-*O*-rutinoside was the most abundant anthocyanin (73% of the total phenolic content). It should be noted that an analysis of *Euterpe edulis* fruit for phenolics yielded a value of 4087 mg/100 g dwb for soluble phenolics in pulp from fruits collected in southeastern Brazil.<sup>3</sup> However, a lower value of 1695 mg/100 g dwb for soluble phenolics in this fruit (from Minas Gerais State, a state in the north of Southeastern Brazil) has also been reported.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, *Euterpe edulis* fruit is rich in oleic and palmitic fatty acids.<sup>16</sup>

Additional data on the composition of Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract, as well as data on *Euterpe edulis* fruit, *Euterpe edulis* pulp extract, and *Euterpe edulis* pulp, are presented in Table 4.<sup>2-8</sup> Though not cosmetic ingredients, composition data on these 3 materials are included because they contain constituents that may also be present in Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract. Furthermore, data in Table 4 indicate that Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract and one or more of the 3 fruit parts/extract have constituents in common.

**Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract and Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract.** In the absence of impurities data on Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract and Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract, data on heavy metal/mineral constituents of *Euterpe edulis* fruit and *Euterpe edulis* pulp, and ash residue for each, are found in Table 5.<sup>4</sup>

**Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract.** The heavy metals content of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract (powder) has been described as follows: arsenic (<0.1 ppm), cadmium (<0.01 ppm), mercury (<0.005 ppm), lead (<0.05 ppm), and copper (0.3 ppm).<sup>25</sup> A supplier reported that a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture contains 98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment.<sup>14</sup> This supplier has certified that this product does not contain the 26 allergenic chemical substances that are restricted by the European Union, nor does it contain pesticides exceeding the limitations established by the US Environmental Protection Agency.<sup>14,26</sup> Heavy metals, lead, arsenic, microbial content, yeast and mold, and gram negative bacteria are below detection limits.

**Table 2.** Generic Plant Part Definitions as They Apply to Palm Tree-Derived Ingredients.<sup>1</sup>

Plant Part	Definition
Fruit	Mature, ripened ovary of flowering plant, containing seeds.
Palm heart	Inner core of the stem of various palm species (in the Arecaceae family).
Pulp	A soft, fleshy part of a fleshy fruit, often formed by the fruit wall or the placenta.
Sap	The fluid transported through the vascular system of a plant
Seed	A propagating sexual structure resulting from the fertilization of an ovule, formed by embryo, endosperm, or seed coat.

**Table 3.** Composition Data on *Euterpe Edulis* Fruit Extract (Various Extractants).<sup>24</sup>

Components	Probability of Constituent Presence (%) <sup>*</sup>
<b>Hexane Extract</b>	
bis(2-methylpropyl)-1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid ester (diisobutyl phthalate)	20
hexadecanamide	54
9-(Z)-octadecenamide	61
phenethyl alcohol	25
squalene	20
<b>Ethyl Acetate Extract</b>	
1,6-anhydro-β-D-glucopyranose,	43
hexadecanamide	72
9-(Z)-octadecenamide	54
<b>Chloroform Extract</b>	
2,4-(E,E)-decadienal	23
(Z)-2-hepten-1-al	29
naphthalene	35
phenethyl alcohol	55

<sup>\*</sup>The chemical constituents of the extracts were identified by comparing their retention indices and making computer matches with the National Institute of Standards and Technology library provided by the computer controlling the gas chromatography-mass spectrometry system.

*Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract (test material *Euterpe oleracea* fruit). *Euterpe oleracea* Martius, as a native fruit of the Amazon rainforest, has been described as highly contaminated in microbiological terms.<sup>17</sup> The fruit is said to be subject to natural microbiological contamination and one of the main sources of this contamination is water, considering that more than 50% of the municipalities located in the Brazilian Amazon do not use chlorinated water. *Euterpe oleracea* fruit from Brazil and the United States (US) were analyzed for 174 different pesticides, using liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) and gas chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (GC-MS/MS).<sup>27</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* fruit that was harvested and lyophilized in Brazil had no detectable pesticides. There also were no detectable pesticides in 7 out of 12 samples of *Euterpe oleracea* fruit in the US. However, the following pesticides were detected in the 5 other samples of *Euterpe oleracea* fruit in the US: methoxyfenozide (0.2 ng/g), metalaxyl (0.2 ng/g), boscalid (2.6–3 ng/g), imidacloprid (0.9 ng/g), bifentazate (1.6–2.5 ng/g), carbendazim (0.9 ng/g), hexythiazox (0.6 ng/g), and pyraclostrobin (0.1 ng/g).

The following heavy metals have been detected in *Euterpe oleracea* fruit: lead, cadmium, mercury, and arsenic.<sup>10</sup> Additionally, the following elements have been detected in *Euterpe oleracea* fruit: potassium, magnesium, phosphorus, calcium, sodium, zinc, iron, and copper. Ash residue in the amount of  $1.68 \pm 0$  g/100 g (dwb) remained after the combustion of *Euterpe oleracea* fruit.<sup>28</sup>

*Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract and *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice. Composition data on *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract

(various extractants used) relating to phenolic compounds content (anthocyanins included) are presented in Table 6.<sup>28,29</sup> As a food product, this material is reported to be a thin hygroscopic powder that is water-soluble.<sup>17</sup>

It has been reported that total phenolic yields for a *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (freeze-dried and mixed with ethyl acetate) ranged from 132.6 to 391.2 mg gallic acid equivalent (GAE)/100 g fresh weight (FW).<sup>30</sup> Also, the total anthocyanin yield ranged from 4.2 to 90.0 mg/100 g FW. Data on the composition of *Euterpe oleracea* fruit, *Euterpe oleracea* fruit powder extract, *Euterpe oleracea* juice extract, *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, and *Euterpe oleracea* pulp are presented in Table 7.<sup>9-14</sup> Composition data on 4 *Euterpe oleracea*-derived botanicals are included because they contain chemicals that are also present in *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract (see Table 6 and Table 7). Particularly, data on *Euterpe oleracea* pulp are included because *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder is a cosmetic ingredient.

According to a supplier's specification for a *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment), the ferulic acid content ranges from 4% to 5%. This material is a clear to slightly hazy liquid.<sup>14</sup>

*Euterpe Oleracea* Seed Powder. Composition data on *Euterpe oleracea* seed are presented in Table 8.<sup>28</sup> It should also be noted that when *Euterpe oleracea* seeds were extracted with a solution of 95% ethanol/1.5 N hydrochloride (85:15, v/v), the content of phenolic compounds was reported as a total only ( $3602 \pm 88$  mg GAE/100 g (dwb; chemical names not stated),

**Table 4.** Content of Ingredients/Fruit Parts Derived From *Euterpe Edulis*.<sup>2-8</sup>

Components	Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract	Euterpe Edulis Fruit	Euterpe Edulis Pulp Extract	Euterpe Edulis Pulp
<b>Carotenoids (µg/100 g fresh weight)</b>				
apocarotenoid		undetectable		
all-trans-α-carotene		60.2 ± 6.0		
all-trans-β-carotene		266.5 ± 41.5		
all-trans-α-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
all-trans-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
all-trans-lutein		292.7 ± 3.3		
all-trans-neochrome		undetectable		
all-trans-zeaxanthin		5.4 ± 2.4		
all-trans-zeinoxanthin		7.7 ± 0.4		
cis-antheraxanthin		undetectable		
9-cis-β-carotene		37.8 ± 3.5		
13-cis-β-carotene		15.8 ± 1.9		
15-cis-β-carotene		9.2 ± 0.3		
9-cis-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
9'-cis-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
13-cis-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
13'-cis-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
15-cis-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
cis-lutein		12.6 ± 1.3		
9-cis-violaxanthin		5.5 ± 0.4		
13-cis-violaxanthin		6.5 ± 4.3		
9-cis-neoxanthin		13.2 ± 4.2		
5,8-epoxy-β-carotene		undetectable		
5,6-epoxy-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
5,8-epoxy-β-cryptoxanthin		undetectable		
phytoene		undetectable		
<b>Nutrients (%)</b>				
Carbohydrate		85.7 ± 0.4		42.5 ± 0.1
Dietary fiber		71.8 ± 0.6		27.1
Lipid		6.9 ± 0.3		46.6
Moisture		51.9 ± 0.3		83.8 ± 0.5
Protein		5 ± 0.3		7.5 ± 0.1
<b>Anthocyanins (expressed as mg cyanidin 3-glucoside (C3G)/100 g fresh matter or as gallic acid equivalents (GAE)/100 g)</b>				
cyanidin-3-O-glucoside	Amount not stated			
cyanidin 3-glucoside	Not assayed	47.93 ± 1.52	Amount not stated	
cyanidin 3-glucoside	Not assayed	51.4 ± 3.1 (as GAE)	Amount not stated	
cyanidin 3,5-hexose pentose	Not assayed	1.43 ± 0.05	Not assayed	
cyanidin 3-rhamnoside	Not assayed	0.30 ± 0.01	Not assayed	
cyanidin-3-O-rutinoside	73% of total phenolic content	Not assayed	Not assayed	
cyanidin 3-rutinoside	Not assayed	179.60 ± 5.77	Amount not stated	
cyanidin 3-rutinoside	Not assayed	141 ± 8.5 (as GAE)	Amount not stated	
cyanidin-3-sambubioside	Not assayed	Not assayed	Amount not stated	
delphinidin-3-glucoside	Not assayed	Not assayed	Amount not stated	
pelargonidin-3-O-glucoside	Amount not stated	Not assayed	Not assayed	
pelargonidin-3-glucoside	Not assayed	1.66 ± 0.05	Amount not stated	
pelargonidin 3-rutinoside	Not assayed	2.87 ± 0.09	Not assayed	
peonidin-3-rutinoside	Not assayed	3.59 ± 0.11	Amount not stated	
<b>Other Phenolic Compounds (expressed as gallic acid equivalents (GAE)/100 g)</b>				
apigenin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
apigenin deoxyhexosidehexoside	Not assayed	25.4 ± 1.5		

(continued)

**Table 4.** (continued)

Components	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Fruit Extract	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Pulp Extract	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Pulp
apigenin dihexoside	Not assayed	11.06 ± 0.9		
apigenin hexoside	Not assayed	13.2 ± 1		
caffeic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
catechin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
chlorogenic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
chrysoeriol deoxyhexosylhexoside	Not assayed	22.5 ± 0.7		
<i>m</i> -coumaric acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
<i>p</i> -coumaric Acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
dihydroluteolin deoxyhexosylhexoside	Not assayed	12.7 ± 0.5		
4,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
dihydrokaempferol acetyl-hexoside	Not assayed	2.8 ± 0.01		
dihydrokaempferol hexoside	Not assayed	66.4 ± 2.6		
3,4-dihydroxyphenylacetic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
ellagic acid	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
ferulic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
gallic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
gallic acid hexoside	Not assayed	1.7 ± 0.04		
<i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
kaempferol	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
kaempferol deoxyhexosylhexoside	Not assayed	7.21 ± 0.9		
kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -rutoside	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
luteolin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
luteolin deoxyhexosylhexoside	Not assayed	37.6 ± 1.9		
myricetin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
protocatechuic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
quercetin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
rutin	Amount not stated	Not assayed		
sinapinic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
syringic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
taxifolin hexoside	Not assayed	13.3 ± 0.4		
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	Not assayed	Amount not stated		
vanillic acid	Not assayed	Not assayed		

and anthocyanins (content not stated) were among the types of phenolic compounds that were represented in the total.

***Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder*** (*Euterpe oleracea pulp*). Ash residue in the amount of  $3.78 \pm 0.06$  g/100 g (dwb) remained after the combustion of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp.<sup>28</sup>

***Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder*** (*Euterpe oleracea seed*). Ash residue in the amount of  $1.44 \pm 0.01$  g/100 g (dwb) remained after the combustion of *Euterpe oleracea* seed.<sup>28</sup>

## Use

### Cosmetic

The safety of palm tree-derived ingredients is evaluated based on data received from the US Food and Drug Administration

(FDA) and the cosmetics industry on the expected use of these ingredients in cosmetics. Use frequencies of individual ingredients in cosmetics are collected from manufacturers and reported by cosmetic product category in FDA's Voluntary Cosmetic Registration Program (VCRP) database.<sup>31</sup> Use concentration data are submitted by the cosmetics industry in response to surveys, conducted by the Personal Care Products Council (Council), of maximum reported use concentrations by product category.<sup>32</sup>

According to 2020 VCRP data, *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract is reported to be used in 469 cosmetic products (328 leave-on products, 137 rinse-off products, 4 products that are diluted for (bath) use).<sup>31</sup> Of the palm tree-derived ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment, this is the greatest reported use frequency. The results of a concentration of use survey conducted by the Council in 2017 indicate that *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder is being used at maximum use



**Table 5.** Heavy Metal/Mineral Constituents of *Euterpe Edulis* Fruit and *Euterpe Edulis* Pulp and Ash Residue for Each.<sup>4</sup>

Constituents (mg/100 g)	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Edulis</i> Pulp
Calcium	63.8 ± 3.3	76.4 ± 2.9
Copper	0.3 ± 0	0.5 ± 0
Iron	1.67 ± 0.4	4.3 ± 0.6
Magnesium	32.1 ± 4.2	47.4 ± 4.2
Manganese	2.8 ± 0.9	3 ± 0
Nickel	0.5 ± 0	1 ± 0.1
Phosphorus	69.2 ± 12.2	41.2 ± 1.4
Potassium	361 ± 42	419.1 ± 26.9
Sodium	21.8 ± 2.5	17.3 ± 0.1
Sulfur	26.9 ± 2.9	35.4 ± 4.9
Zinc	0.6 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0
<b>Constituents (µg/100g)</b>		
Cadmium	1.1 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0
Cobalt	13.6 ± 1.9	7.1 ± 0.2
Selenium	1 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.1
<b>Residue after combustion (%)</b>		
Ash	2.5	3.4

concentrations up to 3% in leave-on products (face and neck products [not spray]) and maximum use concentrations up to 0.6% in rinse-off products (paste masks [mud packs]).<sup>32</sup> These are the highest use concentrations in leave-on and rinse-off products that are being reported for the palm tree-derived ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment. Further use data are presented in Table 9.

According to VCRP and Council survey data, the following 3 ingredients are not being used in cosmetic products: *Euterpe Edulis* Fruit Extract, *Euterpe Edulis* Juice Extract, and *Euterpe Oleracea* Seed Powder.

Cosmetic products containing palm tree-derived ingredients may be applied to the skin or, incidentally, may come in contact with the eyes (e.g., *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract). *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract, *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, *Euterpe Oleracea* Palm Heart Extract, and *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder are ingredients that are used in products that come in contact with mucous membranes during product use (ingredient use concentrations: 0.0000083–0.3%). Additionally, *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract and *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder could be incidentally ingested (at maximum use concentrations up to 0.025% [lipstick] and 0.3% [lipstick], respectively). Products containing palm tree-derived ingredients may be applied as frequently as several times per day and may come in contact with the skin for variable periods following application. Daily or occasional use may extend over many years.

The following palm tree-derived ingredients are being used in products that are sprayed: *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract (0.001% in pump hair spray), *Euterpe Oleracea* Palm Heart Extract (0.001% in colognes and toilet waters), and *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder (0.015% in colognes and toilet waters).

**Table 6.** Composition Data on *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract (Various Extractants).<sup>29,28</sup>

Components	Amount (mg GAE/100g [dwb])*
<b>Sequential extraction with ethyl acetate, methanol, and methanol/water, yielding anthocyanins</b>	
cyanidin-di-O-glycoside	Not stated
cyanidin-3-glucoside	Not stated
cyanidin-3-rutinoside	Not stated
pelargonidin-3-glucoside	Not stated
peonidin-3-glucoside	Not stated
peonidin-3-rutinoside	Not stated
<b>Extraction with solution of ethanol and aqueous hydrochloric acid</b>	
Total phenolic compounds	2370 ± 177
Total anthocyanins	81.62 ± 12.89

\*dwb = dry weight basis.

In practice, 95% to 99% of the droplets/particles released from cosmetic sprays have aerodynamic equivalent diameters >10 µm, with propellant sprays yielding a greater fraction of droplets/particles below 10 µm, compared with pump sprays.<sup>33-36</sup> Therefore, most droplets/particles incidentally inhaled from cosmetic sprays would be deposited in the nasopharyngeal and bronchial regions and would not be respirable (i.e., they would not enter the lungs) to any appreciable amount.<sup>33,34</sup> The only use of palm tree-derived ingredients in powders is being reported for *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, which is being used at concentrations up to 0.01% in face powders. Conservative estimates of inhalation exposures to respirable particles during the use of loose powder cosmetic products are 400-fold to 1000-fold less than protective regulatory and guidance limits for inert airborne respirable particles in the workplace.<sup>37-39</sup>

The palm tree-derived ingredients reviewed in this safety assessment are not restricted from use in any way under the rules governing cosmetic products in the European Union.<sup>40</sup>

### Non-Cosmetic Use

*Euterpe oleracea* extract is not the name of any of the ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment, but has the same CAS number (879496-95-4) as the following ingredients that are being reviewed: *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit, *Euterpe Oleracea* Palm Heart Extract, *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder, *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder, and *Euterpe Oleracea* Seed Powder Extract. However, it should be noted that *Euterpe oleracea* extract (also known as acai berry extract) is a food flavoring agent or adjuvant.<sup>41</sup> According to another source, *Euterpe oleracea* extract is a hydroalcoholic (ethanol and water) extract of *Euterpe oleracea* berry stones (pits).<sup>42</sup> Because the safety of *Euterpe Oleracea* Palm Heart Extract is being reviewed in this report, it is also important to note that heart of palm is the edible part of the apical meristem of palms

**Table 7.** Content of Ingredients/Components Derived From *Euterpe Oleracea*.<sup>9-14</sup>

Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
<b>Anthocyanins</b>				
cyanidin 3-acetyl hexose	Amount not stated			
cyanidin-3-arabinoside	Amount not stated			
cyanidin-3-glucoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
cyanidin-3-O-glucoside	Amount not stated			
cyanidin-3-rutinoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
cyanidin-3-O-rutinoside	Amount not stated			
cyanidin 3-sambubioside	Amount not stated			
peonidin 3-glucoside	Amount not stated			
peonidin 3-rutinoside	Amount not stated			
<b>Flavonoids (mg/100 g dry matter of juice extract; µg/g dry weight of juice)</b>				
apigenin	Amount not stated			
apigenin 6,8-di-C-hexoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
apigenin-O-hexoside-C-hexoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
apigenin 6-C-hexoside-8-C-pentoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
apigenin 6-C-pentoside-8-C-hexoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
apigenin 8-C-(2'-O-pentosyl) hexoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
astilbin	Amount not stated			
caffeic acid	Not assayed		Amount not stated	Amount not stated
catechin	Amount not stated			5.20 ± 1.08
(+)-catechin	Not assayed		8.14 ± 0.80	
chrysoeriol	Amount not stated		1.03 ± 0.03	
crisoeirol	Amount not stated			
(+)-dihydrokaempferol	Not assayed		2.18 ± 0.02	
(2R,3R)-dihydrokaempferol	Amount not stated			
5,4'-dihydroxy-7, 3', 5'-trimethoxy flavone	Amount not stated			

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Table 7. (continued)

Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
epicatechin	Amount not stated			
(–)-epicatechin	Not assayed		4.43 ± 0.28	
homoorientin	Not assayed		71.56 ± 5.81	
isoorientin	Amount not stated			89.74 ± 5.32
isovitexin	Amount not stated		Amount not stated	
kaempferol rhamnoside	Amount not stated			
kaempferol rutinoside	Amount not stated			
kaempferol-3-rutinoside	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
luteolin	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
luteoline diglicoside	Amount not stated			
orientin	Amount not stated		55.19 ± 0.76	189.49 ± 13.56
procyanidin dimeric	Amount not stated			
protoanthocyanidin	Amount not stated			
quercetin	Amount not stated		1.77 ± 0.03	
quercetin arabinopyranoside	Amount not stated			
quercetin-3-glucoside	Not assayed		1.57 ± 0.04	
quercetin rhamnoside	Amount not stated			
quercetin rutinoside	Amount not stated			
rutin	Amount not stated		3.95 ± 0.07	
scoparin	Amount not stated		4.71 ± 0.12	
taxifolin	Not assayed		Amount not stated	1.57 ± 0.25
taxifolin deoxyhexose	Amount not stated			
taxifolin deoxyhexose (or isomer)	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
<b>Other Phenolic Compounds (µg/g dry weight of juice)</b>				
benzoic acid	Amount not stated			
chlorogenic acid	Amount not stated			4.23 ± 0.86
p-coumaric acid	Not assayed			4.67 ± 0.93

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Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
<i>p</i> -coumarinic acid	Amount not stated			
dihydrokaempferol	Amount not stated			
(+)-dihydrokaempferol	Not assayed			
4-hydroxybenzoic acid	Not assayed			13.38 ± 1.50
3,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid	Not assayed			Amount not stated
ellagic acid	Amount not stated			
eriodictyol	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
escoparine	Amount not stated			
ferulic acid	Amount not stated			27.95 ± 2.48
gallic acid	Amount not stated			
glycoside ellagic acid	Amount not stated			
<i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid	Amount not stated			
3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-propanonadihydroconiferyl alcohol	Amount not stated			
isovitexin	Not assayed		7.07 ± 0.53	
lariciresinol	Amount not stated			
pinoresinol	Amount not stated			
pirocatequic acid	Amount not stated			
protocatechuic acid	Not assayed		Amount not stated	
syringaresinol	Amount not stated			
syringic acid	Not assayed			0.69 ± 0.09
vanillic acid	Amount not stated		Amount not stated	55.61 ± 5.26
velutine	Amount not stated			
vitexin	Not assayed		6.26 ± 0.48	
<b>Simple Benzenoids</b>				
dihydroconiferyl alcohol	Amount not stated			
3,4'-dihydroxy-3'-methoxypropiofenone	Amount not stated			
3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-propanone	Amount not stated			
protocatechuic acid methyl ester	Amount not stated			

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Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
<b>Benzoquinone</b>				
2,6-dimethoxy-1,4-benzoquinone	Amount not stated			
<b>Monoterpenoids</b>				
(E,Z)-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-1,8-diol	Amount not stated			
(E,E)-2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-1,8-diol	Amount not stated			
(S)-menthiofolic acid	Amount not stated			
<b>Norisoprenoids</b>				
(4R)-4-[(1E)-3-Hydroxy-1-butenyl]-3,5,5-trimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-one	Amount not stated			
(-)-loliolide	Amount not stated			
<b>Saturated Fatty Acids (g/100g [dwb])</b>				
behenic	Amount not stated			
butyric	Amount not stated			
caproic	Amount not stated			
caprylic	Amount not stated			
capric	Amount not stated			
eicosanoic	Amount not stated			
lauric	Amount not stated			
liognoceric	Amount not stated			
margaric	Amount not stated			
myristic	Amount not stated			
nonadecanoic	Amount not stated			
palmitic	Not assayed			7.64 (pulp)
pentadecanoic	Amount not stated			
stearic	Amount not stated			0.36 (pulp)
tricosanoic	Amount not stated			
tridecanoic	Amount not stated			
undecanoic	Amount not stated			

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Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
<b>Monounsaturated Fatty Acids (g/100g [dwb])</b>				
elaidic	Amount not stated			
erucic	Amount not stated			
gadoleic	Amount not stated			
margaroleic	Amount not stated			
myristoleic	Amount not stated			
nervonic	Amount not stated			
oleic	Amount not stated			18.20 (pulp)
palmitoleic	Amount not stated			1.82 (pulp)
pentadecenoic	Amount not stated			
tridecanoic	Amount not stated			
<b>Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (g/100g [dwb])</b>				
arachidonic	Amount not stated			
docosadienoic	Amount not stated			
docosaheptaenoic	Amount not stated			
eicosadienoic	Amount not stated			
eicosapentaenoic	Amount not stated			
eicosatrienoic	Amount not stated			
linoleic	Amount not stated			3.64 (pulp)
linolenic	Amount not stated			
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid	Not assayed			0.36 (pulp)
gamma linolenic	Amount not stated			
homogamma linolenic	Amount not stated			
<b>Sterols</b>				
campesterol	Amount not stated			
beta-sitosterol	Amount not stated			

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Components	<i>Euterpe</i> <i>Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe</i> <i>Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe</i> <i>Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
stigmasterol	Amount not stated			
<b>Amino Acids</b>				
alanine	Amount not stated			
arginine	Amount not stated			
aspartic acid	Amount not stated			
cysteine	Amount not stated			
glutamic acid	Amount not stated			
glycine	Amount not stated			
histidine	Amount not stated			
hydroxyproline	Amount not stated			
isoleucine	Amount not stated			
leucine	Amount not stated			
lysine	Amount not stated			
methionine	Amount not stated			
phenylalanine	Amount not stated			
proline	Amount not stated			
serine	Amount not stated			
threonine	Amount not stated			
tryptophan	Amount not stated			
tyrosine	Amount not stated			
valine	Amount not stated			
<b>Sugars</b>				
fructose	Amount not stated			
glucose	Amount not stated			
lactose	Amount not stated			
maltose	Amount not stated			

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Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
sucrose	Amount not stated			
<b>Lignans</b>				
(–)-(7R,8S)-dihydrodehydroconiferyl alcohol	Amount not stated			
erythro-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-methoxy-phenoxy]-1,3-propanediol	Amount not stated			
(+)-isolariciresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-(6R,7S,8S)-isolariciresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-lariciresinol (8)	Amount not stated			
(+)-(7S,8R,8'R)-lariciresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-(7R,8S)-5-methoxydihydrodehydroconiferyl alcohol	Amount not stated			
(+)-5-methoxy-isolariciresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-(6R,7S,8S)-5-methoxyisolariciresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-pinoresinol	Amount not stated			
(+)-syringaresinol	Amount not stated			
threo-1-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-methoxyphenoxy]-1,3-propanediol	Amount not stated			
<b>Neolignan glucosides</b>				
(–)-(7R,8S)-7',8'-dihydroxy-dihydrodehydroconiferyl alcohol-9-O-β-D-glucopyranoside		Amount not stated		
(+)-(7S,8R)-7',8'-dihydroxy-dihydrodehydroconiferyl alcohol-9-O-β-D-glucopyranoside		Amount not stated		
4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl 1-O-[6-(hydrogen 3-hydroxy-3-methylpentanedioate)]-β-D-glucopyranoside		Amount not stated		
<b>Carotenoids</b>				
α-carotene	Amount not stated			
β-carotene	Amount not stated			
chlorophyll	Amount not stated			
lutein	Amount not stated			
tocopherols A, B, C, and D	Amount not stated			
<b>Vitamins</b>				
vitamin A	Amount not stated			

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**Table 7.** (continued)

Components	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Fruit	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> fruit Powder Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice Extract	<i>Euterpe Oleracea</i> Juice (Data on the Pulp [Contains Juice] Identified as Pulp Below)
vitamin B1	Amount not stated			
vitamin B2	Amount not stated			
vitamin B3	Amount not stated			
vitamin B5	Amount not stated			
vitamin C	Amount not stated			
vitamin E	Amount not stated			
vitamin K	Amount not stated			

(*Euterpe oleracea* and *Euterpe edulis*) and is considered a gourmet vegetable.<sup>43</sup> Furthermore, it should be noted that both *Euterpe oleracea* and *Euterpe edulis* fruits are typically consumed in the Amazon region of Brazil.<sup>44</sup>

## Toxicokinetic Studies

### Dermal Penetration

Data on the dermal penetration of the palm tree-derived ingredients reviewed in this safety assessment were neither found in the published literature, nor were these data submitted. Dermal penetration data were not expected to be found because each botanical ingredient is a mixture of hundreds of constituents.

### Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion

#### Human

##### Oral

*Euterpe Oleracea* Juice and *Euterpe Oleracea* Pulp Powder (test material *Euterpe oleracea* pulp)

An acute 4-way crossover clinical trial that involved oral dosing with the following was performed using 12 subjects: *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, *Euterpe oleracea* pulp, applesauce (control), and a non-antioxidant beverage (control).<sup>45</sup> An oral dose of *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice or *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (7 mL/kg) was administered after a washout phase and overnight fast, and plasma was repeatedly sampled over 12 h. Urine was sampled over a 24-h period after dosing. Plasma anthocyanin (antioxidant) concentrations were determined over a period of 0–12 h. Noncompartmental pharmacokinetic analysis of total anthocyanins, quantified as cyanidin-3-*O*-glucoside, indicated maximum plasma concentration ( $C_{\max}$ )

**Table 8.** Composition Data on *Euterpe Oleracea* Seed.<sup>28</sup>

Components	Amount (g/100 g [wwb])*
Moisture	38.57 ± 0.07
Protein	3.95 ± 0.03
Lipid	1.04 ± 0.03
Carbohydrates	55.55
<b>Fatty Acid Composition</b>	<b>Amount (g/100 g [dwb])</b>
<b>Saturated</b>	0.085 total
capric acid	0.16
myristic acid	0.39
palmitic acid	0.28
stearic acid	0.02
<b>Monounsaturated</b>	0.46 total
oleic acid	0.44
palmitoleic acid	0.02
<b>Polyunsaturated</b>	0.31 total
linoleic acid	0.29
$\alpha$ -linolenic	0.02
<b>Other Fatty Acids</b>	0.08

\*wwb = wet weight basis.

values of 2321 and 1138 ng/L at maximum concentration times ( $t_{\max}$ ) of 2.2 and 2.0 h, and area under the concentration-time curve ( $AUC_{\text{last}}$ ; last refers to AUC up to the last measurable concentration) values of 8568 and 3314 ng h/L for *Euterpe oleracea* pulp and *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, respectively. Nonlinear mixed effect modeling identified dose volume as a significant predictor of relative oral bioavailability in a negative nonlinear relationship for *Euterpe oleracea* pulp and *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice. Additionally, after consumption of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp, applesauce, and *Euterpe Oleracea* Juice, plasma antioxidant capacity was statistically

**Table 9.** Frequency (2020) and Concentration of Use (2017) According to Duration and Type of Exposure.<sup>31,32</sup>

	Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract		Euterpe Oleracea Juice		Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract	
	# of Uses	Conc. (%)	# of Uses	Conc. (%)	# of Uses	Conc. (%)
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>0.0000001-0.38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>Duration of Use</b>						
Leave-On	328	0.0000083-0.04	1	0.01-0.04	2	0.001
Rinse off	137	0.0000001-0.38	NR	NR	1	0.001
Diluted for (bath) Use	4	0.0005	NR	NR	NR	0.001
<b>Exposure Type</b>						
Eye Area	4	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Incidental Ingestion	7	0.0000083-0.025	1	NR	NR	NR
Incidental Inhalation - Sprays	10;196 <sup>a</sup> ;79 <sup>c</sup>	0.001; 0.00003- 0.001 <sup>a</sup>	NR	NR	1	0.001
Incidental Inhalation - Powders	79 <sup>c</sup>	0.0001-0.01 <sup>b</sup>	NR	0.01	NR	0.001 <sup>b</sup>
Dermal Contact	402	0.0000001-0.83	NR	0.01-0.04	3	0.001
Deodorant (underarm)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hair - Non-Coloring	57	0.00000075-0.001	NR	NR	NR	0.001
Hair-Coloring	1	0.38	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nail	1	0.04	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mucous Membrane	68	0.0000083-0.025	1	NR	1	0.001
Baby Products	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
<b>Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder</b>			<b>Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit</b>			
	# of Uses	Conc. (%)	# of Uses	Conc. (%)		
<b>Totals/Conc. Range</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.003-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NR</b>		
<b>Duration of Use</b>						
Leave-On	9	0.033-3	NR	NR		
Rinse off	2	0.003-0.6	1	NR		
Diluted for (bath) Use	NR	NR	NR	NR		
<b>Exposure Type</b>						
Eye Area	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Incidental Ingestion	NR	0.033-0.3	NR	NR		
Incidental Inhalation - Sprays	5; 1 <sup>c</sup>	0.015	NR	NR		
Incidental Inhalation - Powders	NR;1 <sup>c</sup>	0.015-3 <sup>b</sup>	NR	NR		
Dermal Contact	9	0.015-3	NR	NR		
Deodorant (underarm)	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Hair - Non-Coloring	2	0.003-0.3	NR	NR		
Hair-Coloring	NR	NR	1	NR		
Nail	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Mucous Membrane	NR	0.033-0.3	NR	NR		
Baby Products	NR	NR	NR	NR		

\*Because each ingredient may be used in cosmetics with multiple exposure types, the sum of all exposure type uses may not equal the sum of total uses.  
NR = Not Reported.

<sup>a</sup>It is possible that these products may be sprays, but it is not specified whether the reported uses are sprays.

<sup>b</sup>It is possible that these products may be powders, but it is not specified whether the reported uses are powders.

<sup>c</sup>Not specified that these products are sprays or powders, but it is possible the use can be as a spray or powder, therefore the information is captured in both categories.

significantly increased ( $P < 0.01$ ) when compared to the non-antioxidant control beverage. Individual increases in plasma antioxidant capacity of up to 2.3- and 3-fold for Euterpe Oleracea Juice and *Euterpe oleracea* pulp, respectively, were observed. Both applesauce and *Euterpe oleracea* pulp induced statistically significantly higher plasma antioxidant activities than Euterpe Oleracea Juice ( $P < 0.05$ ). The non-oxidant control beverage also caused an increase in the antioxidant capacity of the plasma when compared to the baseline, which may have resulted from its fructose content. The antioxidant capacity in the urine, generation of reactive oxygen species, and uric acid concentrations in plasma were not significantly altered by the treatments. The results of this study indicate that anthocyanins from *Euterpe oleracea* are bioavailable in human subjects after consumption of Euterpe Oleracea Juice and *Euterpe oleracea* pulp in moderate amounts.

## Toxicological Studies

### Acute Toxicity Studies

#### Oral

*Euterpe Oleracea Juice (test material Euterpe oleracea pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice)*. The acute toxicity of a *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was evaluated in accordance with Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) test guideline (TG) 423.<sup>46</sup> The juice is described as a functional beverage containing 19 fruits and berries. The concentration of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (predominant ingredient in the juice) in the juice was not stated. Two groups of Wistar rats (CrI:WI) BR strain; 5 males and 5 females per group) received single oral doses by gavage of 5 g/kg and 20 g/kg, respectively. Dosing was followed by a 14-day observation period and gross necropsy was performed on day 15. None of the animals died and there were no treatment-related clinical or behavioral signs. For female rats, the mean body weight gain (on days 1 and 2 and during the last week) in the 20 g/kg dose group was statistically significantly lower when compared to the 5 g/kg group. However, the total body weight gain of females in the 20 g/kg dose group was not statistically significantly different when compared to the 5 g/kg dose group. At necropsy (both dose groups) on day 15, there was no evidence of gross lesions in any organ, and all organs were free of gross pathological changes. It was concluded that the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for the test substance was >20 g/kg.

### Short-Term Toxicity Studies

#### Oral

*Euterpe oleracea fruit oil*. The short-term oral toxicity of *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil was evaluated using groups of 6 Wistar rats.<sup>47</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil (doses of 30 mg/kg, 100 mg/kg, or 300 mg/kg) in 1% Tween 80 was administered by gavage daily (at 24-h intervals) for 14 consecutive days. At

the dose of 300 mg/kg, but not at lower doses, some animals began to display signs of toxicity, such as diarrhea and bristling of the hair. Information on mortalities or microscopic changes was not reported.

### Subchronic Toxicity Studies

#### Oral

*Euterpe Oleracea Juice (test material Euterpe oleracea pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice)*. The subchronic oral toxicity of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was evaluated using groups of 40 Wistar rats (SPF Hsd.Brl.Han strain; 20 males and 20 females per group).<sup>46</sup> The juice is described as a functional beverage containing 19 fruits and berries. The concentration of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (predominant ingredient in the juice) in the juice was not stated. The test substance was administered daily by gavage for 90 days to 3 groups at doses of 10, 20, and 40 g/kg, respectively. Necropsy was performed on day 91. The vehicle control group was dosed with saline, and there was also an untreated control group. When compared to the control groups, there were no treatment-related, statistically significant changes in the following in surviving animals of all 3 dose groups: body weight, food and water consumption, ophthalmology, organ weights, urinalysis, hematological and clinical chemistry, or gross pathology. Three animals died during the study (1 female at 10 g/kg; 1 male at 20 g/kg; and 1 male at 40 g/kg). The animals that died did not have clinical symptoms prior to death. With the exception of signs of suffocation/aspiration congestion (due to problems with the gavage administration of the test substance; not considered test substance-related), there was no evidence of histopathological lesions or injury to tissues or organs. The only statistically significant difference observed was in mean adrenal weight (values not stated) relative to the brain weight in the 20 mg/kg dose group when compared to untreated female controls. Whether or not the change in adrenal weight in treated animals was an increase or decrease when compared to controls was not stated. The no-observed-adverse-effect-level (NOAEL) was determined to be 40 g/kg/day for male and female rats.

### Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity Studies

Data on the developmental and reproductive toxicity of palm tree-derived ingredients reviewed in this safety assessment were neither found in the published literature, nor were these data submitted.

### Genotoxicity Studies

The genotoxicity studies on palm tree-derived ingredients are summarized below and described in Table 10.

**Table 10.** Genotoxicity Studies on Palm Tree-Derived Ingredients and Related Components of *Euterpe edulis* and *Euterpe Oleracea*.

Ingredient	Strain/cell Type	Assay	Dose/Concentration	Results
<b>In Vitro</b>				
Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% <i>Lactobacillus</i> ferment) in sterile distilled water	<i>S. typhimurium</i> strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, and TA1537 and <i>E. coli</i> strain WP2uvrA.	Ames test, with and without metabolic activation.	Up to 5000 µg/plate	Non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation in all bacterial strains tested. <sup>49</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp (9% in water)	<i>S. typhimurium</i> strains: TA97, TA98, TA100, and TA102	Ames test, with and without metabolic activation.	Up to 500 µg/plate	Genotoxic in strain TA97 at doses ranging from 25 to 250 µg/plate without metabolic activation. Clear trend for genotoxicity in strains TA98 and TA100 at doses ranging from 25 to 250 µg/plate without metabolic activation. Genotoxicity with metabolic activation was not reported for any strain tested. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp (9% in water)	RAW264.7 cells (mouse macrophage-like cells).	Micronucleus assay	Concentrations of 0.027, 0.108, 0.27, 0.54, and 1.08 mg per plate (0.27, 1.08, 2.7, 5.4, and 10.8 mg/mL, respectively)	Cytotoxic effect, suggested by a decrease in the mitotic index and survival rates, observed at all concentrations. When compared to negative control (sodium chloride), genotoxicity was significantly higher at all doses tested. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit oil	Human peripheral blood lymphocytes and HepG2 (human hepatoma) cell line	Cytokinesis-block micronucleus assay	Concentrations up to 1000 µg/ml	Absence of significant DNA and chromosome damage in human lymphocytes and HepG2 cells. <sup>48</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit oil	Human peripheral blood lymphocytes and HepG2 (human hepatoma) cell line	Comet assay	Concentrations up to 1000 µg/ml in both assays	Absence of significant DNA and chromosome damage in human lymphocytes and HepG2 cells. <sup>48</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine)	<i>S. typhimurium</i> strains: TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537. <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain: WP2 (uvrA)	Ames test, with and without metabolic activation	Up to 5 µg/plate	Non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation. <sup>46</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine)	Chinese hamster lung cells	Chromosomal aberration assay, with and without metabolic activation (OECD TG 473)	Concentrations up to 5000 µg/ml	Structural chromosome aberrations not observed with or without metabolic activation. Non-clastogenic. <sup>46</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine)	L5178Y/TK+/- mouse lymphoma cells	L5178Y/TK+/- mouse lymphoma assay, with and without metabolic activation (OECD TG 476)	Concentrations up to 500 µg/ml	Non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation. <sup>46</sup>

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Ingredient	Strain/cell Type	Assay	Dose/Concentration	Results
<b>In Vivo</b>				
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp extract (9% in water)	4 groups of 5 male Wistar rats	Micronucleus assay (OECD TG 474). After dosing period, animals were killed and bone marrow smears prepared. Ratio of polychromatic to normochromatic erythrocytes (PCE/PCE+NCE x 100) calculated based on an evaluation of 2000 erythrocytes per slide (1000 per animal).	4 groups received doses (by gavage) of 22.5, 45, 90, and 180 mg/kg, respectively, for 3 consecutive days.	Significant increase ( $P < 0.05$ ) in frequency of micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes in bone marrow, at daily doses of 45 to 180 mg/kg. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp extract (9% in water)	4 groups of 5 male Wistar rats	Micronucleus assay. Peripheral blood (500 µl) drawn from rats dosed according to preceding test procedure, and whole blood smears prepared. Frequency of lymphocytes with micronuclei per total lymphocytes determined using sample sized of 1000 lymphocytes per animal	Doses same as in preceding test	No statistically significant positive results for micronucleus frequency observed. Dose-related increase in mitotic index ( $P > 0.05$ ) detected (at 90 to 180 mg/kg), suggesting induction of proliferation alongside acceptable survival rates of >80%. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp extract (9% in water)	4 groups of 5 male Wistar rats	Comet assay (Single cell gel electrophoresis (SCGE) test). Blood drawn from rats dosed according to same test procedure (stated above). Slides prepared and extent and distribution of DNA damage evaluated by examining at least 200 randomly selected and non-overlapping cells.	Same doses	The SCGE score did not indicate significant DNA lesions, such as single or double breakages. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe edulis</i> fruit pulp (9%)	5 human subjects	Comet assay. Subjects ingested single dose on 5 consecutive days. Peripheral blood drawn and slides prepared. Extent and distribution of DNA damage evaluated by examining at least 200 randomly selected and non-overlapping cells.	300 mL/day	SCGE score did not indicate significant DNA lesions, such as single or double breakages. No statistically significant positive genotoxicity response identified. <sup>24</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) in saline	Groups of 16 BALB/c mice (8 males, 8 females) and 12 BALB/c mice (6 males, 6 females)	Micronucleus assay. Group divided into mice dosed orally or intraperitoneally daily for 7 days. Animals then killed, and bone marrow analyzed for micronuclei in polychromatic erythrocytes. Cytogenetic analysis performed by direct method of rinsing marrow of the femur and tibia.	Daily concentrations of 100 µg/150 µl	No increase in frequency of micronuclei in bone marrow polychromatic erythrocytes. <sup>46</sup>

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**Table 10.** (continued)

Ingredient	Strain/cell Type	Assay	Dose/Concentration	Results
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> fruit pulp	Bone marrow cells and peripheral blood polychromatic erythrocytes (male Swiss albino mice)	Micronucleus assay. Assay performed using bone marrow cells and peripheral blood polychromatic erythrocytes. Number of micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes in 2000 polychromatic erythrocytes per animal recorded.	Single (acute) oral doses (gavage) or daily oral doses (gavage) (14 days) of 3.33 g/kg, 10 g/kg, and 16.67 g/kg were administered to groups of male Swiss albino mice (number per dose not stated).	No statistically significant differences ( $P > 0.05$ ), between the negative control and groups treated with doses of the test substance, in the frequency of micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes in bone marrow or blood. No genotoxic effects in this assay. <sup>50</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> fruit pulp	Bone marrow cells and peripheral blood polychromatic erythrocytes (male Swiss albino mice)	Comet assay (DNA damage assay). Peripheral blood collected from mice and cellular suspensions prepared. Liver and kidney cells also collected (100 cells in each tissue visually scored)	Swiss albino mice dosed with test substance (same doses in acute and subacute dosing procedures in both micronucleus assays immediately above)	Absence of increased DNA damage (in peripheral blood, liver, and kidney cells) in mice dosed orally (all doses). Non-genotoxic. <sup>50</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> fruit oil	Groups of 6 Wistar rats	Comet assay. Doses administered by gavage (at 24-h intervals) for 14 consecutive days. At 24 h after last dose, peripheral blood from tail collected. Animals were killed and liver, bone marrow (from femur), and testicle cells also collected. DNA damage evaluated by examining at least 100 randomly selected and non-overlapping cells (50 cells per coded slide) per animal in blind analysis.	Doses of 30, 100, or 300 mg/kg in 1% Tween 80	No significant induction of DNA strand breaks observed in tissues from any dose group. In the few nucleoids (after dosing with 300 mg/kg) with DNA damage (also observed with vehicle control), damage was considered minor. <sup>47</sup>
<i>Euterpe oleracea</i> fruit oil	Groups of 6 Wistar rats	Micronucleus assay. Doses and dosing procedure used in preceding test. Slides of bone marrow (femur) smears prepared and 2000 polychromatic Erythrocytes (PCE) per animal scored to determine clastogenic and/or aneugenic property of test substance. Clastogenic/aneugenic damage investigated by analyzing micronuclei formation in bone marrow PCE.	Doses of 30, 100, or 300 mg/kg in 1% Tween 80	No significant increase in the micronucleus frequency in bone marrow cells, as well as no significant difference/increase in the PCE/NCE ratio ( $P < 0.05$ ). <sup>47</sup>



## In Vitro

*Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp (9% in water) was genotoxic (at 25 to 250 µg/plate, but not at higher doses), without (but not with) metabolic activation, in one *Salmonella typhimurium* strain (TA97) in the Ames test.<sup>24</sup> In the same test, the authors noted a clear trend for the genotoxicity of this test substance in strains TA98 and TA100 at doses ranging from 25 to 250 µg/plate without metabolic activation. *Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp (9% in water) was also genotoxic in the micronucleus assay (RAW264.7 mouse macrophage-like cells; genotoxic at the entire range of concentrations tested (0.27 to 10.8 mg/mL)).<sup>24</sup> *Euterpe edulis* fruit oil was non-genotoxic in the cytokinesis-block micronucleus assay (human peripheral blood lymphocytes and HepG2 human hepatoma cells; concentrations up to 1000 µg/ml) or in the comet assay (human peripheral blood lymphocytes and HepG2 human hepatoma cells; concentrations up to 1000 µg/ml).<sup>48</sup>

An Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) was non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation, in the Ames test (*S. typhimurium* strains and an *Escherichia coli* strain; doses up to 5000 µg/plate).<sup>49</sup> A *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation, in the Ames test (*S. typhimurium* strains; doses up to 5 µg/plate), and non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation, in the chromosomal aberration assay (Chinese hamster lung cells; concentrations up to 5000 µg/ml) and in the L5178Y/TK+/- mouse lymphoma assay (concentrations up to 500 µg/ml).<sup>46</sup> The juice is described as a functional beverage containing 19 fruits and berries. The concentration of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (predominant ingredient in the juice) in the juice was not stated.

## In Vivo

*Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp extract (9% in water) was genotoxic in a micronucleus assay using bone marrow erythrocytes from rats that were dosed with up to 180 mg/kg by gavage for 3 days.<sup>24</sup> However, in a second study using the same protocol and doses, *Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp extract (9% in water) was non-genotoxic.<sup>24</sup> Negative results were also obtained in the comet assay (single cell gel electrophoresis [SCGE] test) using this test article involving randomly selected cells in blood from rats receiving doses (by gavage) up to 180 mg/kg, and in another comet assay involving randomly selected cells in human blood that was drawn after oral ingestion of 300 mL/day for 5 days.

*Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay (mouse bone marrow erythrocytes from mice receiving daily oral or intraperitoneal (i.p.) doses of 100 µg/150 µl saline).<sup>46</sup> The juice is described as a functional beverage containing 19 fruits and berries. The concentration of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp (predominant ingredient in the juice)

was not stated. *Euterpe oleracea* fruit pulp was non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay (mouse bone marrow erythrocytes and peripheral blood erythrocytes from mice receiving either single or 14 days of oral doses up to 16.67 g/kg), and was non-genotoxic in the comet assay involving mouse peripheral blood erythrocytes, liver cells, and kidney cells from mice orally receiving doses up to 16.67 mg/kg for 1 or 14 days.<sup>50</sup> In rats dosed (by gavage) with *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil (doses up to 300 mg/kg), there was no significant induction of DNA strand breaks in the comet assay (peripheral blood, bone marrow, liver cells, and testicle cells), but there was minor DNA damage in a few nucleoids (after dosing with 300 mg/kg).<sup>47</sup> *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil was non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay (bone marrow erythrocytes from rats receiving doses up to 300 mg/kg by gavage for 14 days).

## Carcinogenicity Studies

Data on the carcinogenicity of palm tree-derived ingredients reviewed in this safety assessment were neither found in the published literature, nor were these data submitted.

## Anti-Carcinogenicity Studies

### *Euterpe Oleracea* Fruit Extract

The anti-tumorigenicity of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract (hydroalcoholic extract) was evaluated using 2 groups of 40 female Wistar rats.<sup>42</sup> Twenty rats were dosed orally (200 mg/kg, by gastric intubation) with a saline solution of the fruit extract for 16 consecutive weeks. The control group (20 rats) was dosed with saline according to the same procedure. One day after starting dosing with Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract, mammary carcinogenesis was induced in all animals by subcutaneous (s.c.) injection of 25 mg/kg of 7,12-dimethylbenz[a]anthracene (DMBA) in the mammary gland. The animals were palpated in the mammary gland once per week to detect the presence of breast tumors. At the end of the treatment period, the animals were killed and tumor tissues as well as heart, liver, and kidney samples were examined histologically. In the control group, the tumor incidence rate was 100%. However, in the group dosed with Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract, the tumor incidence rate was markedly reduced to 50%. In both groups, mammary tumors displayed adhesions and a cystic pattern near the site of tumor induction. However, there was no significant difference in tumor volume (control: 4.151 ± 0.8 mL; Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract: 3.971 ± 1.3 mL) and tumor weight (control: 3.012 ± 0.5 g; Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract: 2.52 ± 0.7 g).

Survival analysis indicated that Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract increased survival ( $P = 0.0002$ , long-rank test) and reduced the number of deaths ( $P = 0.0036$ , Chi-square test). Cumulative survival periods of 15.15 weeks and 12.75 weeks were reported for test and control animals, respectively. The mortality rate in the control group was 65% (13 deaths), and

the mortality rate was 15% (3 deaths) after dosing with Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract. There was no evidence of toxicity of the extract, based on food consumption, body weight, and activity levels, when compared to results for the 20 control rats. Histopathological results for the liver and kidneys indicated a protective effect of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract, because, in the control group, there was an increase in fibrosis, atypical cells, and hemorrhagic microenvironment. There were no morphological differences in heart tissue between test and control rats. The researchers concluded that Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract (hydroalcoholic extract) exhibited anti-tumorigenic activity in DMBA-induced breast cancer.<sup>42</sup>

### **Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder**

A study was performed to investigate the protective effect of Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder (spray-dried) intake on colon carcinogenesis induced by 1,2-dimethylhydrazine.<sup>51</sup> Four groups of 10 rats received 4 s.c. injections of 1,2-dimethylhydrazine (40 mg/kg) for 4 weeks (twice a week), for initiation of colon carcinogenesis. A fifth group (5 rats) received similar injections of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA; 1,2-dimethylhydrazine vehicle). The groups were then fed a diet containing 2.5% or 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder, or a diet containing 0.2% *N*-acetylcysteine (antioxidant and anti-carcinogenic agent) for 10 weeks, using aberrant crypt foci (ACF) as the endpoint. Additionally, two groups were fed a standard diet or a diet containing 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder for 20 weeks, using colon tumors as the endpoint. In the assay using ACF as the endpoint, a reduction in the number of aberrant crypts and ACF were observed in the groups fed 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder for 10 weeks (37% aberrant crypts and 47% ACF inhibition,  $P = 0.036$ ) and 0.2% *N*-acetylcysteine (39% aberrant crypts and 41% ACF inhibition,  $P = 0.042$ ). In the assay using colon tumors as the endpoint, a reduction in the number of invasive tumors ( $P < .005$ ; % reduction not stated) and tumor multiplicity ( $P = 0.001$ ; % reduction not stated) was observed in the group fed with 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder for 20 weeks. Also, a reduction in tumor Ki-67 (human protein strictly associated with cell proliferation) cell proliferation ( $P = 0.003$ ) and net growth index ( $P = 0.001$ ) was observed in the group fed 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder. The researchers concluded that the results of this study indicate that Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder feeding may reduce the development of chemically-induced rat colon carcinogenesis.

Another study was performed to evaluate whether feeding with Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder attenuates the initiation step of chemically-induced mouse colon carcinogenesis.<sup>23</sup> Euterpe oleracea fruit pulp was frozen and samples of spray-dried pulp (powder) were obtained. (The production method for this powder is stated in the Method of Manufacture section of this report.) This study involved male Swiss mice (3 groups of 15 (Groups 1–3); 1 group of 5 (Group 4)). Group 1 was fed a low-fat diet and Groups 2 and 3 were fed a low-fat diet

containing 2.5% and 5% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder, respectively, during weeks 1 to 4. The positive control group (Group 4) was fed a low-fat diet containing 0.1% indole-3-carbinol during weeks 1 to 3. All groups received an i.p. injection of the colon carcinogen azoxymethane (AOM) at week 3. Some mice from groups 1 to 3 ( $n = 5$  mice/group) and all 5 mice from group 4 were killed 24 h after the first injection of AOM at week 3, and liver samples were collected for immunohistochemical and glutathione analysis. The remaining mice (Groups 1–3;  $n = 10$  mice/group) received a second i.p. injection of AOM at week 4 and were fed a high-fat diet to accelerate the development of preneoplastic ACF until week 14. At week 3, both dietary Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder doses (2.5% or 5.0%) reduced ( $P < 0.001$ ; % reduction not stated) peripheral blood cell DNA damage induced by AOM. Also, 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder increased ( $P = 0.002$ ; % increase not stated) hepatic total glutathione. At week 14, 5.0% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder reduced ( $P < 0.05$ ; % reduction not stated) ACF multiplicity. The researchers concluded that these findings indicate that feeding with Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder attenuates chemically-induced mouse colon carcinogenesis by increasing total glutathione and attenuating DNA damage and preneoplastic lesion development.

## **Other Relevant Studies**

### **Effect on Mast Cell Activation**

*Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder (test material Euterpe oleracea pulp)*. The pretreatment of immunoglobulin E (IgE)-sensitized mouse primary cultured mast cells with *Euterpe oleracea* pulp caused dramatic suppression of antigen-induced degranulation in a dose-dependent manner (1 to 1000 ng/mL).<sup>52</sup> Furthermore, *Euterpe oleracea* pulp suppressed IgE-mediated degranulation and transcription of the cytokine genes from a cultured mast cell line of rat basophilic leukemia (RBL)-2H3 cells. The results also suggest that *Euterpe oleracea* pulp could selectively inhibit a high affinity IgE receptor (FcεRI) signaling pathways, and indicate that the FcεRI-mediated complementary signaling pathway was suppressed by *Euterpe oleracea* pulp. The authors noted that these results demonstrate that *Euterpe oleracea* Pulp is a potent inhibitor of IgE-mediated mast cell activation.

### **Cytotoxicity**

*Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract*. A cellular viability assay was performed to assess the potential for a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) to increase cellular metabolic activity in human dermal fibroblasts cultured for 24 h with test article concentrations of 0.01, 0.1, and 1% (in Dulbecco's modified eagle medium).<sup>53</sup> In this assay, resazurin (nonfluorescent dye) is converted to resorufin, a fluorescent

dye, by respiring mitochondria. Healthy cells in a proliferative state will be able to easily convert resazurin to resorufin without harming the cells. A proliferative cellular state is indicated by an increase in the signal generated by resazurin conversion. Cellular metabolism was expressed as viability (% of control). When compared to the control (unnamed), all concentrations of the Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture increased cellular metabolism. At a concentration of 0.01%, viability was 117.31% of the control. No change was seen in 99.35% compared to control at a concentration of 0.10%. The increase in the fluorescent signal indicated an increase in cellular metabolism and viability after incubation with the trade name mixture.

The anti-carcinogenicity potential of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract (hydroalcoholic extract) was evaluated in vitro in a study using cell viability as the toxicity endpoint.<sup>54</sup> The malignant cell lines derived from human mammary adenocarcinoma (MCF-7 and MDA-MB-468 cells) and human colon adenocarcinomas (Caco-2 and HT-29) were treated with 10, 20, and 40 µg/mL Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract for 24 h and 48 h. After treatment, cell viability was measured using 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assays, and cell morphological features were observed by light and transmission electron microscopy. The data were analyzed statistically. Of all the cell lines tested, MCF-7 was the only line that responded to Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract treatment (cytotoxic effect). Significant reduction ( $P < 0.01$ ; % reduction not stated) in cell viability and altered cell morphological features (by inducing the appearance of autophagic vacuoles) was noted at all concentrations. It was concluded that Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract possesses anti-tumorigenic potential in the MCF-7 cell line.

**Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Extract.** The antiproliferative activity of a *Euterpe oleracea* pulp extract (polyphenolic extract, concentrations ranging from 0.04 to 12 µg of GAE)/mL was evaluated in a cell culture model using HT-29 colon carcinoma cell viability as the endpoint.<sup>55</sup> Cell numbers were determined after 48 h of incubation. Total cell numbers were indicative of the proliferative activity of HT-29 cells and the cytotoxic effect of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp extract. The extract caused significant decreases ( $P < 0.01$ ; % decrease not stated) in total cell numbers in a concentration-dependent manner.

## Dermal Irritation and Sensitization Studies

### Irritation

#### In Vitro

**Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract.** The skin irritation potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) was evaluated using the EpiDerm™ model (reconstructed human epidermis) assay.<sup>56</sup> The test substance was applied to tissue inserts, which were incubated for 60 minutes. Tissue

viability was measured by dehydrogenase conversion of MTT, present in mitochondria, into blue formazan salt. Skin irritation potential of the test substance is dictated by the reduction in tissue viability of exposed tissues when compared to the negative control (sterile Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline). Sodium dodecyl sulfate (5%) served as the positive control. An irritant is predicted if the mean relative tissue viability of the 3 tissues exposed to the test substance is reduced by 50% of the mean viability of the negative controls, and a non-irritant's viability is  $>50\%$ . The trade name mixture was classified as a non-irritant in this assay.

### Sensitization

#### In Vitro/In Chemico

**Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract.** The in vitro skin sensitization antioxidant/electrophile response element (ARE)-nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2; Nrf2) luciferase test method was used to evaluate the sensitization potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment).<sup>57</sup> This test method (validated by independent peer review by the European Union Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL)-European Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM)) addresses the induction of genes that are regulated by AREs by skin sensitizers. The sensitization assay in this study utilizes the KeratinoSens™ method. Collectively, an immortalized adherent human keratinocyte cell line (HaCaT) was incubated for 48 h with 12 concentrations of the trade name mixture ranging from 0.98 µM to 2000 µM. Cinnamic aldehyde (4 µM to 64 µM) and 1% dimethyl sulfoxide served as positive and negative controls, respectively. There was no statistically significant increase in luciferase expression, and the Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture was not predicted to be a skin sensitizer.

The skin sensitization potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) was evaluated using the direct peptide reactivity assay (DPRA; an in chemico method).<sup>58</sup> This assay is designed to mimic the covalent binding of electrophilic chemicals to nucleophilic centers in skin proteins by quantifying the reactivity of chemicals towards the model synthetic peptides containing cysteine and lysine. The mean percent depletion of cysteine and lysine was 3.20%, interpreted as minimal reactivity in the assay and yielding a prediction of no sensitization.

#### Human

**Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder.** A human repeated insult patch test (HRIPT) involving a face and neck product containing 3% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder was performed using 214 subjects.<sup>59</sup> Testing occurred over a 6-week period. During induction, a 2 cm × 2 cm occlusive patch containing the product (0.2 mL or 0.2 g) was applied for 24 h to the

infrascapular area of the back (to the right or left of midline) or to the upper arm. This procedure was repeated for a total of 9 induction applications, and sites were evaluated at 48-h intervals. For 24-h patch applications on Fridays, sites were evaluated on the following Monday (i.e., 72 h after patch application). The evaluation of sites after the 9<sup>th</sup> patch application was followed by a 10- to 15-day non-treatment period, after which (at week 6) the challenge phase was initiated. A challenge patch was applied for 24 h to a new test site, and reactions were scored at 24 h, 48 h, and 72 h after patch application. Definite erythema and damage to the epidermis, but no edema, were observed (at 5<sup>th</sup> induction evaluation) in 1 subject. Thereafter, the product was applied to a new site and reactions were not observed for the remainder of the induction period or during the challenge phase. The authors concluded that there was no evidence of sensitization to the product tested in this study.

## Ocular Irritation Studies

### *In Vitro*

**Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract.** The EpiOcular™ model (human corneal epithelial model) assay was used to evaluate the irritation potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment).<sup>56</sup> The test substance was applied to tissue inserts and incubated for 30 min. Tissue viability was measured by dehydrogenase conversion of MTT, present in the cell mitochondria, into blue formazan salt. Ocular irritation potential of the test substance is dictated by the reduction in tissue viability of exposed tissues when compared to the negative control (sterile deionized water). Methyl acetate served as the positive control. An irritant is predicted if the mean relative tissue viability of the 2 tissues exposed to the test substance is reduced by 60% of the mean viability of the negative controls, and a non-irritant's viability is >40%. The trade name mixture was classified as a non-irritant in this assay.

## Summary

The safety of 8 palm tree (*Euterpe edulis* (juçara) and *Euterpe oleracea* (açai))-derived ingredients as used in cosmetics is reviewed in this safety assessment. According to the *Dictionary*, these ingredients function mostly as skin conditioning agents in cosmetic products. Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder and Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder also function as abrasives and exfoliants in cosmetics.

Information on the method of manufacture of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) from a supplier indicates that the process involves the aqueous extraction of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit. Additionally, this trade name mixture and Euterpe Oleracea Juice have been analyzed for the 26 fragrance allergens that are required to be listed on

the product label in the European Union if they exceed a certain concentration. Both were found not to contain these allergenic flavors or fragrances, neither directly nor through cross contamination. The same supplier's impurities specifications for a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) include the following: heavy metals (<20 ppm), lead (<10 ppm), arsenic (<2 ppm), microbial content (<100 cfu/g; no pathogens), yeast and mold (<100 cfu/g), and gram-negative bacteria (0 cfu/g). Data provided by the same supplier indicate that pesticides present in this trade name mixture do not exceed the EPA's limits.

According to 2020 VCRP data, Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract is reported to be used in 469 cosmetic products (328 leave-on products, 137 rinse-off products, and 4 products that are diluted for (bath) use). Of the palm tree-derived ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment, this is the greatest reported use frequency. The results of a concentration of use survey conducted by the Council in 2017 indicate that Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder is being used at maximum use concentrations up to 3% in leave-on products (face and neck products [not spray]) and maximum use concentrations up to 0.6% in rinse-off products (moisturizing products [not spray] and paste masks [mud packs]). These are the highest use concentrations in leave-on and rinse-off products that are being reported for the palm tree-derived ingredients that are being reviewed in this safety assessment. According to VCRP and Council survey data, the following 3 ingredients that are being reviewed are not being used in cosmetic products: Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract, Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract, and Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder.

The results from a clinical trial involving 12 subjects who consumed an oral dose (7 mL/kg) of Euterpe Oleracea Juice or *Euterpe oleracea* pulp indicated that anthocyanins from *Euterpe oleracea* are bioavailable in human subjects after consumption of Euterpe Oleracea Juice and *Euterpe oleracea* pulp in moderate amounts.

The acute toxicity of a *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was evaluated using 2 groups of 10 Wistar rats that received single oral doses of 5 g/kg and 20 g/kg, respectively. The acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> was reported as > 20 g/kg.

In groups of 6 Wistar rats, *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil (doses of 30 mg/kg, 100 mg/kg, or 300 mg/kg) in 1% Tween 80 was administered by gavage daily for 14 consecutive days. At the dose of 300 mg/kg, but not at lower doses, some of the animals had signs of toxicity such as diarrhea and bristling of the hair. In a 16-week study involving 20 Wistar rats dosed orally with Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and s.c. with DMBA, there was no evidence of toxicity of the extract, based on food consumption, body weight, and activity levels. There were no morphological differences in heart tissue between test and control rats.

The subchronic oral toxicity of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was evaluated using groups of 40 Wistar rats. The test substance was administered daily for 90 days to 3 groups at oral doses of



10, 20, and 40 g/kg, respectively. There were no treatment-related, statistically significant changes in the following in surviving animals of all 3 dose groups: body weight, food and water consumption, ophthalmology, organ weights, urinalysis, hematological and clinical chemistry, or gross pathology. The 3 animals that died during the study did not have clinical symptoms prior to death, and there was no evidence of histopathological lesions or injury to tissues or organs. An NOAEL of 40 g/kg/day was reported.

Components of *Euterpe edulis* and *Euterpe oleracea* were evaluated in in vitro genotoxicity tests. *Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp (9% in water) was genotoxic without metabolic activation in one *S. typhimurium* strain in the Ames test, and in the in vitro micronucleus assay. In the Ames test on *Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp (9% in water), there was also a clear trend for genotoxicity in strains TA98 and TA100 at concentrations ranging from 25 to 250 µg/plate without metabolic activation. *Euterpe edulis* fruit oil was non-genotoxic in the cytokinesis-block micronucleus assay and in the comet assay. A Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) was non-genotoxic, with and without metabolic activation, in the Ames test (*S. typhimurium* strains and an *E. coli* strain). *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine) was non-genotoxic in the Ames test, the chromosomal aberration assay, and in the L5178Y/TK+/- mouse lymphoma assay.

In vivo genotoxicity test results for components of *Euterpe edulis* and *Euterpe oleracea* have also been reported. *Euterpe edulis* fruit pulp (9% in water) was genotoxic in one micronucleus assay (dosing by gavage; doses up to 180 mg/kg), but was non-genotoxic in another micronucleus assay (doses up to 180 mg/kg) using the same procedure or in comet assays (involved blood from rats dosed orally with up to 180 mg/kg; blood from humans dosed orally with up to 300 mg/kg). *Euterpe oleracea* pulp-enriched fruit and berry juice (fortified with glucosamine, daily oral [100 µg/150 µl saline] or i.p. [100 µg/150 µl saline] doses) was non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay. *Euterpe oleracea* fruit pulp (doses up to 16.67 g/kg) was non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay and in the comet assay. Results for *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil (doses up to 300 mg/kg) in the comet assay indicated no significant induction of DNA strand breaks, but there was minor DNA damage in a few nucleoids. *Euterpe oleracea* fruit oil (doses up to 300 mg/kg) was also non-genotoxic in the micronucleus assay.

The anti-tumorigenicity of Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract has been demonstrated both in vivo (rats, breast cancer study) and in vitro (human mammary adenocarcinoma cell line). In vivo anti-carcinogenic activity of Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder has been demonstrated in colon cancer studies involving rats. In another study, the antiproliferative activity of *Euterpe oleracea* pulp extract was evaluated in a cell culture model using colon carcinoma cells, and a significant decrease in total cell numbers was reported.

When compared to the control (details not provided), a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture increased

cellular metabolism and viability at all test concentrations (0.01%, 0.1%, and 1%) in human dermal fibroblasts in vitro. In an in vitro study in which IgE-sensitized mouse mast cells were treated with *Euterpe oleracea* pulp, the test material was found to be a potent inhibitor of IgE-mediated mast cell activation.

A Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment) was classified as a non-irritant when skin irritation was evaluated using the EpiDerm™ model (reconstructed human epidermis) assay.

The in vitro skin sensitization ARE-Nrf2 luciferase test method was used to evaluate the sensitization potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment). This test method involved incubation of the HaCaT cell line with concentrations ranging from 0.98 µM to 2000 µM, and the trade name mixture was not predicted to be a skin sensitizer. The same trade name mixture was evaluated for sensitization potential using the DPRA and was predicted to be a non-sensitizer.

An HRIPT involving a face and neck product containing 3% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder was performed using 214 subjects. The authors concluded that there was no evidence of sensitization to the product tested in this study.

The EpiOcular™ model (human corneal epithelial model) assay was used to evaluate the ocular irritation potential of a Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract trade name mixture (98% Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract and 2% *Lactobacillus* ferment). The trade name mixture was classified as a non-irritant in this assay.

## Discussion

The ingredient group reviewed in this safety assessment (*Euterpe edulis* (juçara) and *Euterpe oleracea* (açai)-derived ingredients) was formed based on the supposition that ingredients from a given genus and species, and on a closely related species (i.e., *edulis* and *oleracea*), would have constituents in common. For example, both species have the following constituents in common: catechin, chlorogenic acid, cyanidin-3-glucoside, cyanidin-3-rutinoside, ellagic acid, ferulic acid, gallic acid, pelargonidin-3-glucoside, and peonidin-3-rutinoside. Except for Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract, for which composition data are absent, the Panel agreed that the available data indicate that the composition of the fruit from the two species are similar.

The Panel discussed the issue of incidental inhalation exposure from powders and hair sprays. The Council survey results indicate that Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract is being used in pump hair sprays at concentrations up to 0.001%. Also, Euterpe Oleracea Juice is being used at concentrations up to 0.01% in face powders. The Panel noted that in aerosol products, most droplets/particles would not be respirable to any appreciable amount. Furthermore, droplets/particles deposited in the nasopharyngeal or bronchial regions of the respiratory tract present no toxicological concerns based on the properties of these ingredients. Coupled with the small actual exposure in the breathing zone and the concentrations at which the ingredients are used, the available

information indicates that incidental inhalation would not be a significant route of exposure that might lead to local respiratory or systemic effects. A detailed discussion and summary of the Panel's approach to evaluating incidental inhalation exposures to ingredients in cosmetic products is available at <https://www.cir-safety.org/cir-findings>.

The skin sensitization potential of a face and neck product containing 3% Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder was evaluated in a study involving 214 subjects, and the results were classified as negative. However, definite erythema and damage to the epidermis (but no edema) were observed in 1 subject at the 5<sup>th</sup> induction evaluation. No other effects were observed when the induction site was moved, or after the challenge application. The test concentration evaluated in this study is the highest maximum use concentration in leave-on products that is reported in this safety assessment. Furthermore, the in vitro/in chemico sensitization data on Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract were classified as negative. After reviewing these data, the Panel also noted that the available composition data do not indicate the presence of any sensitizing constituents.

The Panel also expressed concern about pesticide residues, heavy metals, and other plant species that may be present in botanical ingredients. They stressed that the cosmetics industry should continue to use current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) to limit impurities.

Earlier in the review process, the Panel was of the opinion that the available data were insufficient to make a determination that Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract is safe under the intended conditions of use in cosmetic formulations. However, the Panel now agrees that the available data support the safe use of this ingredient in cosmetics. Prior to making this decision, the Panel noted that palm heart is the edible part of the palm tree, and that the published literature lacks any evidence of consumption-related adverse effects such as contact sensitization or colitis. Furthermore, they noted that the absence of these effects is supported by clinical experience, and have also taken into consideration the low use concentrations of Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract in rinse-off and leave-on products.

## Conclusion

The Expert Panel for Cosmetic Ingredient Safety concluded that the following 8 palm tree (*Euterpe edulis* (juçara) and *Euterpe oleracea* (açai)-derived ingredients are safe in cosmetics in the present practices of use and concentration described in this safety assessment.

Euterpe Edulis Fruit Extract*	Euterpe Oleracea Palm Heart Extract
Euterpe Edulis Juice Extract*	Euterpe Oleracea Pulp Powder
Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract	Euterpe Oleracea Seed Powder*
Euterpe Oleracea Juice	Hydrolyzed Euterpe Oleracea Fruit

\*Not reported to be in current use. Were ingredients in this group not in current use to be used in the future, the

expectation is that they would be used in product categories and at concentrations comparable to others in this group.

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