



Aurorium Joins the Sustainable Castor Association

Aurorium has strengthened its commitment to nature-based ingredients by joining the Sustainable Castor Association, the world's first organization dedicated to sustainable castor farming. The association is a non-profit entity that unites stakeholders from the various sectors of the castor industry, including castor farmers, castor oil mills and refineries, and derivative processors.

SUCCESS® Goals

-  utilizing good agricultural practices to increase yield and farmer income
-  efficiently using water resources
-  maintaining soil fertility
-  employing good waste management practices
-  enabling better health and safety practices
-  respecting human rights and prohibiting child labor
-  implementing gender equality

The Sustainable Castor Association was created to help drive social, economic, and environmental objectives supporting various initiatives to include social welfare of workers and farmers and protection of natural resources. As part of the journey towards castor farming responsibility, the Sustainable Castor Association has developed the world's first sustainable castor code, SuCESS® (Sustainable Castor Caring for Environmental & Social Standards).

"Joining the Sustainable Castor Association aligns with our objective to

empower personal care brands to make the world a better place," Stephen Carter, Global Business Director, Care. "Aurorium is committed to providing sustainable cosmetic ingredients through impactful innovation."

About the Sustainable Castor Association

Castor Success is a 'not-for-profit' private company that unites stakeholders from the various sectors of the castor industry: castor farmers, castor oil mills & refineries, derivative processors, any persons including individuals, firms or company, corporations, society or environmental and social non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have direct or indirect involvement in the castor oil supply chain, to develop and implement standards for sustainable castor.

About Aurorium

Aurorium is the materials innovation partner that helps global manufacturers harness the power of possibility to make the world a better place. Their specialty ingredients and performance-enhancing materials enhance quality of life, support health and wellness, and enable customers to deliver value-added solutions. Key industries served include personal & home care, coatings & adhesives, energy & electronics, healthcare, food & beverages, agriculture, transportation, and paper & packaging. A Responsible Care® company, Aurorium follows the highest regulatory standards across all of its manufacturing facilities. Aurorium is committed to operating at the highest levels of manufacturing consistency, quality control, and safety.

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To create supply chain traceability and transparency, Aurorium plans to certify a range of castor derivatives to meet the criteria of the SuCESS® Supply Chain Code.

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Aurorium provides more than 75 castor-derived products that go into a variety of end markets. Aurorium's trending personal care castor-based ingredients include:

- **Castorlatum™ Emollient** is a nature-based alternative to petrolatum, offering the same consistency with superior pigment wetting and moisturization
- **Naturechem™ CR** is a light emollient for use in skin care, offering outstanding aesthetics with a non-tacky, velvety after-feel
- **Casid™ HSA**, is a gelling agent that provides structure and stability to anhydrous and stick formulations in pigmented lip gels, antiperspirants, cosmetic pencils, hair styling waxes, creams, and lotions
- **Casmate™ DCA** is a dry porosity ester used in skin and sun care that helps lightens oily formulations and provides a matte finish, withstanding prolonged playtime
- **Castorwax™ Hydrogenated Castor Oil**, is a nature-based wax, used in lip care, ointments, and deodorants, available in a variety of melting points allowing for customizable thickening

About Castor

Castor bean is a perennial flowering plant with tropical-looking leaves and seed pods. Castor bean is the only member of the genus *Ricinus communis* in the Spurge Family (Euphorbiaceae). Castor is deforestation-free, and as a non-edible oil, it serves as an alternative feedstock to palm and soy.

