

Three Poko Products Shortlisted as Finalists for The Free From Skincare Awards 2022

Finalists Include Brightening Rosewater Toner, Soothing Serum and Hempsoriasis Balm

Awards Will Be Announced July 19

LONDON, UK and DUBLIN, IRELAND / ACCESSWIRE / July 13, 2022 / POKO Innovations, Ltd. (POKO:CSE), an award-winning UK-based collection of CBD-focused companies that bring innovative, inspiring solutions to the CBD industry through the company's leading platforms which, when working together, form a complete ecosystem, is delighted to announce three of its products have been [shortlisted as finalists for the Free From Skincare Awards 2022](#):

- Poko [Brightening Rosewater Toner](#) in 'Toners, Waters, and Spritzers'
- Poko [Soothing Serum](#) in 'Face Care (Leave on)'
- Poko [Hempsoriasis Balm](#) in 'Problem Skin'

[The Free From Skin Care Awards](#) celebrate and encourage skincare manufacturers who create cosmetics that exclude some of the allergens, fragrances and other ingredients sometimes associated with skin and health issues, ethical and environmental concerns, and which some consumers may need to or want to avoid, especially if looking for more 'allergy friendly' or natural cosmetics and struggling to find suitable products.

Now in its eleventh year, Free From Skin Care Awards screens hundreds of brands on the market that provide 'free from' alternatives. The awards open in late winter, with finalists announced July 5 and winners announced on July 19.

The finalist announcements are a tremendous achievement for POKO, due to the sheer volume of entrants and competition between brands: the company is competing against market leaders such as Skin Sapiens, Kinvara Skincare and Sukin, among others. POKO is ecstatic at having swept up three finalist spots and hopes to win awards in all three categories.

What Makes Poko 'Free From'?

The three POKO products entered in the Free From Awards meet all 'Free From' requirements - they contain neither alcohol nor silicone, and they are vegan and cruelty-free, in line with POKO company values. Brightening Rosewater Toner and Soothing Serum are also nut-free, though Hempsoriasis Balm contains various nut ingredients, including shea nut butter. Products are submitted to the expert testing panel of the Free From Skincare Awards and selected for meeting strict criteria. Check [here](#) for more on Poko's 'Free From' mission.

What to Expect

Following the panel testing period, detailed feedback is provided to finalist judges - these judges are industry experts, beauty writers, brand owners and cosmetic formulators. Judges expected to take part in the Free From Skin Care Awards 2022 include:

- Galina Achkasova-Portiano: Journalist, brand consultant and editor of The Curiosity Gap
- Sue Cane: Free From expert and long-time psoriasis sufferer
- Sarah Coleman, Sugarpuffish: Natural skincare blogger and eczema sufferer
- Ruth Holroyd, WhatAllergy: writer
- Marina Kozlova, CEO of Fais Botanicals
- Abi Weeds, Odylique: Co-founder
- Sarah Stacey, Beauty Bible Books: Joint-editor and beauty expert
- Sara Niven: Beauty journalist
- Kirsty Mawhinney, Skin Insight Agency: Owner and brand consultant

Judges discuss and credit each product's overall quality of ingredients, consistency, versatility and how innovative it is but, most importantly, all submissions are screened as to how suitable they are for specific skin needs and lifestyles; the judges also pay careful attention to labelling and packaging with regard to transparency of ingredient lists and presentation of product information.

Social Media

Media coverage is to be expected in the run up to the concluding announcements on the Free From Awards 2022 social media pages and website, with results shared on Twitter and Instagram on official Free From Awards accounts. Look out for **#FFSA22** for posts related to the awards to stay updated or wait to be updated via POKO social channels on July 19.

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products to the EU and the USA. For more information, please visit <https://www.pokogroup.com/>.

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