

Organic Personal Care



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Personal Care Products Containing Organic Ingredients

NSF/ANSI 305 - 2009e "Personal Care Products Containing Organic Ingredients" is the only American National Standard that defines labeling and marketing requirements for organic personal care products. The NSF/ANSI 305 allows personal care companies to make "Contains Organic Ingredients" label and marketing claims for products with a minimum organic content of 70 percent (O70). Products included in the standard include but are not limited to: cosmetic products, rinse-off and leave-on personal care products, oral care products, and personal hygiene products. These products may be applied to or used externally on any part of the body (e.g., hair, face, hands and feet).

The Difference in NSF/ANSI 305

The NSF/ANSI 305 was developed through balanced input from industry representatives, public health/regulatory officials, users/consumer representatives and has the same structure, style, and intent as the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) (7CFR:Part 205). Yet the difference in the NSF/ANSI 305 standard is allowing certified organic ingredients to be processed using certain (not all) processes and preservatives that would be ruled "synthetic" according to the NOP and not allowed in Organic or "Made with Organic" products under the USDA. These "Green Chemistry" processes and preservatives will allow manufacturers to greatly expand their line of personal care products "containing organic ingredients."

Comparison to NOP and USDA Standards

The NSF/ANSI 305 Personal Care Products Containing Organic Ingredients applies to products with organic content of 70 percent (O70) or more that comply with all other requirements of the standard. Although the NSF standard also requires that NOP certified ingredients be used, it allows for these organic ingredients to undergo certain chemical processes considered prohibited under the NOP. Like the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) regulations, the NSF standard includes requirements on organic ingredients, materials, processes and production specifications, and labeling.



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The Mark of Organic Quality



We know you want the greatest possible return on your certification investment. This underscores the need for the expertise, knowledge and logo recognition NSF can provide. Successfully completing the certification process allows manufacturers to place the NSF/ANSI 305 logo on the final principal display panel along with the phrase, "Certified to NSF/ANSI 305." In an instant you communicate to consumers that your product meets the most widely accepted organic standards.

Steps to Certification

As an independent third-party certifier of organic food systems, QAI Organic Certification is designed to certify every step of the organic production chain. Our QAI Process provides assurance that the actual product destined to enter into the market distribution is indeed organic. We accomplish this goal through our five clearly defined steps:

- Step 1: Application for QAI Certification:** allows you to provide QAI with details about your organic operation.
- Step 2: The Inspection:** the annual on-site inspection consists of an evaluation of the operation.
- Step 3: Technical Review:** a QAI technical expert is assigned to evaluate the operation and to ensure that it complies with the applicable regulation.
- Step 4: Resolution and Notification:** an opportunity to provide resolution to any non-compliances.
- Step 5: Certification, your certification:** officially numbered certificate and listing of your product on www.qai-inc.com.

Quality Assurance International



Quality Assurance International (QAI), an organic industry pioneer founded in 1989 and headquartered in San Diego, California, is the leading provider of organic certification services worldwide. As a USDA-accredited certifying agent, QAI's programs verify organic integrity at each link of the product handling chain, helping to assure compliance with organic standards for agricultural producers, food processing facilities, integrated manufacturing operations, contract packing operations, traders, distributors, retailers, and ultimately, for consumers. The company has grown to include operations in the U.S., Canada, Japan and the European Union, and remains dedicated to fostering sustainable agriculture and a healthier planet, while providing educational outreach to the organic community and consumers. www.qai-inc.com

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