

## **QAI ORGANIC PERSONAL CARE ADDENDUM**

### **Introduction**

Personal care products may be certified to the NOP and, if compliant with the relevant sections of the NOP, may carry the USDA Seal. Where manufacturers of personal care products are not able to source ingredients, processing aids and additives that are NOP compliant, QAI offers this alternative program to contribute to the continued development and growth of the organic personal care industry. This addendum outlines the additional requirements for QAI's organic personal care certification program. The National Organic Program (NOP) Rule serves as the foundation for this program. Until such a time as there is an industry approved national organic personal care standard, QAI will certify eligible personal care products to the minimum requirements outlined below. Please be advised that the certificate issued will be a "QAI applicable standard" certificate rather than an NOP certificate, and that such products may not carry the USDA Seal.

### **Scope**

Under the NOP Rule, all organic ingredients must be certified to the NOP Standards and all non-organic, non-agricultural ingredients and processing aids must appear on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. Under QAI's Personal Care Organic Certification Program, QAI also accepts the use of organic ingredients that are certified to the European Organic Regulation, EEC 2092/91. In addition, QAI accepts the use of non-organic, non-agricultural materials that are listed on Table 2, Annex VI, of the EEC 2092/91<sup>1</sup>.

For all organic ingredients used, participants in this program will need to maintain organic certification documentation to verify that all organic ingredients are certified to the NOP and/or the EEC 2092/91. For all non-organic, non-agricultural ingredients or processing aids used, participants in this program will need to maintain documentation that verifies that the materials comply with relevant annotations and are not produced and processed with the use of excluded methods (Genetically Modified Organisms) and Ionizing radiation, as described in Food and Drug Administration regulation, 21 CFR 179.26. The use of non-organic, agricultural ingredients is subject to all applicable requirements under the National Organic Program (7 CFR 205).

### **Standards**

1. Unless seeking NOP certification, a handler or handling operation intending to sell, label, or represent personal care products as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must comply with the applicable provisions of 7 CFR Part 205 – The National Organic Program; except that:

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<sup>1</sup> QAI is aware that some European certifiers have developed their own private organic standard for personal care products. At this time, QAI has not reviewed individual personal care standards. While QAI is currently only allowing participants in this program to use suppliers and ingredients that comply with the NOP or the EEC Regulation 2092/91, we may consider reviewing and accepting personal care standards if they are deemed compatible.

- 1.1 **Organic** ingredients and processing aids may also be sourced from organic suppliers that are certified to the European Organic Regulation (EEC 2092/91), and,
  - 1.2 **Non-organic, non-agricultural** ingredients and processing aids may also be listed on Annex VI of the EEC 2092/91 and QAI's Table 2: *EU Handling Materials List Section A*.
2. Personal Care products certified under the QAI Personal Care Program may not display the USDA logo.