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How Do I Use the OASIS Organic Production Standard?

OASIS:

***Organic And Sustainable Industry Standards
for Health and Beauty Products***

(a 501 C 6, registered Trade Association)

OUR MISSION: OASIS is dedicated to providing verifiable standards that support and promote organic and sustainable production for the Health and Beauty Industry, utilizing principles of incremental improvement and continuous change. The OASIS seal provides assurance to the consumer of credible value for organic and sustainable claims on OASIS products.

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The OASIS Organic Production Standard for Health & Beauty Products

- This OASIS Standard is the first of a number of planned Standards that will verify defined conformance with Organic and Sustainable practices used to produce Health and Beauty products.

The Organic Production Standard:

Scope: This Standard is applicable to the verifiable materials, processes, production criteria, and conditions required for health and beauty ingredients and products to use various “certified organic” label claims. This Standard is not to be applied to ingestible products that are considered “food” either for humans or for animals.

How Does the Organic Standard Work? Pg1

- This is a PROCESS Standard - we list “allowed” processes for making ingredients as well as the “allowed” materials required to perform these processes. These processes will result in “organic ingredients” like surfactants and emulsifiers that can be used in finished “organic” products. These processes are reviewed using criteria that stress environmental responsibility and human safety. Materials such as ethoxylates are not allowed.
- **It is the goal of this Standard that over the next 2 to 4 years, enough cosmetic ingredients will be made from “organic” feedstock that the minimum organic content will rise to 95%.**

How the OASIS Organic Production Standard applies to ingredient manufacturers :

If you are a manufacturer of raw materials, the catalysts, reagents, and processing aids listed in the Appendix are central to the creation of ingredients based on organic feedstock and “allowed processes”. The “allowed processes” are:

Hydrolysis	Saponification
Hydrogenation	Sulfation
Hydrogenolysis	Protein Acylation
Esterification	Glucosidation
Transesterification	Neutralization
Etherification	

**ANY OF THESE PROCESSES RESULTS IN INGREDIENTS THAT,
MEETING ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE STANDARD, MAY BE
USED IN FINISHED PRODUCTS.**

How the OASIS Organic Production Standard applies to product developers & formulators :

- “MADE WITH ORGANIC” LABEL:
Formulators must use a minimum of 70% organic content to meet the “made with organic” label requirement. The other 30% must meet the other requirements, i.e., ingredients may
 - 1) be the result of one of the “allowed processes” using non-organic versions of plant feed stock and
 - 2) must meet all of the other screens (non-GMO, non-irradiated, not a formaldehyde or formaldehyde donor).

How the OASIS Organic Production Standard applies to product developers & formulators :

- “ORGANIC” LABEL: Formulators may initially use a minimum of 85% organic content to meet the “organic” label requirement. The other 15% must meet the other requirements, i.e.; ingredients may
 - 1) be the result of one of the “allowed processes” using non-organic versions of plant feed stock and
 - 2) must meet all of the other screens (non-GMO, non-irradiated, not a formaldehyde or formaldehyde donor).

THIS IS ONLY TRUE UNTIL 2010 - WHEN THE LIMIT MOVES TO 90%. Ingredient guys: get crackin’!

THE ORGANIC LEVELS:

FOR THE “ORGANIC” LABEL:

85% org. content is required until Jan.1, 2010 if the product meets all other requirements.

Other requirements:

- Must use org. if available.
- Preservatives must be “allowed”.
- All other non-organic ingredients must meet the screens of:
 - Made from allowed processes/materials
 - Non-GMO, no irradiation, no petrochemical sourced solvents.
 - Not formaldehyde or f. donors.
 - Must be approved by the certifiers.

FOR THE “MADE WITH ORGANIC” LABEL:

70% org. content is required for a **made with organic** claim if the product meets all other requirements.

- Preservatives must be “allowed”.
- All other non-organic ingredients must meet the screens of:
 - Made from allowed processes/materials
 - Non-GMO, no irradiation, no petrochemical sourced solvents.
 - Not formaldehyde or f. donors.
 - Must be approved by the certifiers.

How is “organic content” determined?

- FOR INGREDIENTS - the basic arithmetic of the inputs determine “organic content”:
- EXAMPLE #1 - Saponified oil: 75 lbs. of oil and 25 lbs. lye yielding 100 lbs. of soap - has an organic content of 75% (the content is equal to the organic input as long as there is no loss).
- EXAMPLE #2 - Hydrogenated oil (at full saturation) is equal to the oil plus the hydrogen atoms added - since hydrogen does not add measurable weight, the resulting wax would be close to 99% organic content (the content is equal to the organic input as long as there is no loss).

- FOR MULTI-INGREDIENT FORMULAS:
- EXAMPLE #1 - a lip product that is composed of 5 oils (.935) plus tocopherol (.006) plus oxide tints (.054) plus EO (.005) would be .94% O Content.

How can I get certified to the Organic Health and Beauty Production Standard?

- Download a copy of the standard.
- Download a copy of “Client Certification Policy”.
- Follow directions, call with questions.
- Complete all forms and submit the required documents and fees.
- The OASIS inspectors are available for support.
 - Consultants are available to help you at pre-set fees.
 - Please check the web site for approved certifiers.