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Category: Certification Body Guidance
Title: Miscellaneous Product Categories

Background

This notification is intended to provide clarification and certainty for licensed Certification Bodies, and certified operators, regarding eligibility for organic certification of miscellaneous products or production systems.

The ACOS is now “harmonised” with the COSMOS standard for organic and natural cosmetic products. This means that the ACOS section on cosmetics has been replaced in the latest version with a statement referring readers to the COSMOS standard.

Cosmetic products, as defined in the COSMOS standard, are products which are intended for application to the human body. Miscellaneous non-food, non-cosmetic products (eg. aromatherapy oils, air fresheners) may not be certified to COSMOS, as these products are not intended for direct application to the human body. While specific categories for these product types are not specified in the ACOS, this does not preclude them from certification.

Guidance

The absence of a section in the ACOS for a particular product or production system does not necessarily preclude such a product or production system from certification.

Any agricultural product can be certified to the ACOS, where compliance to all relevant sections of the standard is verified.

Where miscellaneous product categories are listed in the ACOS, additional allowances, or requirements specifically for that product type must be applied, but the absence of a category does not imply exclusion from certification.

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