

Personal Care Products Fall Outside the Scope of the EU Program – *The EU Organic Regulation does not cover the certification of personal care products.*

Recent clarification from authorities in the EU states that the EU Organic Products Regulation—EEC 2092/91, does not cover the organic certification of personal care products; this regulation only covers food products intended for human consumption. Until this recent clarification, QAI considered personal care products to fall under the EEC 2092/91 regulatory scope.

If a product is being marketed as a personal care product, QAI will not be able to certify its compliance to EU organic standards. QAI understands that it is not always clear how some products may end up being used. For example, aloe vera may be used in beverages or in cosmetics; almond oil may be used in a massage oil or as a flavoring agent in cookies.

QAI apologizes for any negative impacts experienced by our clients over this recent clarification. We offer the reminder that organic personal care products may still be exported to the EU and that they do not need an Organic Export Form to accompany the shipment. However, such products are no longer eligible for certification to QAI's EU Organic Certification Program.