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LATEST NEWS

DRAFT COSMETIC STANDARDS RELEASED

In recognition of the growing range of cosmetics, health and beauty products in the marketplace claiming 'organic' or 'natural' status, NASAA has developed a draft series of Health and Beauty Standards.

This follows moves by other certification agencies around the world that have developed guidelines to provide a framework for the certification of such products, ensuring a measure of consumer confidence through verifying the integrity of organic claims.

As part of a consultative process, the Standards will be open for comment from various parties with an interest in the health and beauty industry, and in organic production more generally. Whilst feedback has already been received from a significant number of industry participants to date, NASAA is particularly seeking comment from production specialists/technicians experienced in the manufacture of a range of cosmetic products. The consultative phase represents an opportunity to shape and impact the direction of NASAA's Standards in providing an independent consumer guarantee.

The draft standards are available to download from the NASAA website under News & Events: Publications. To provide feedback, contact Kate Hamer, NASAA Certification Officer on (08) 8370 8455 or e-mail to certification.standards@nasaa.com.au.

*** NASAA at a Glance**

Formed in 1986, The National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia (NASAA) is one of Australia's largest organic certifiers.

With operations both in Australia and Overseas, the company provides certification and inspection services, which assist in facilitating market access throughout the world for NASAA certified organic product.

NASAA is accredited with the following bodies and programs: AQIS (Australian Quarantine Inspection Service), IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements), ISO65, JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) and the United States National Organic Program (US NOP).

With a national office based in the Adelaide Hills in South Australia, NASAA is a non-profit company limited by guarantee comprising an association of members and certified operators (over 1000).

NASAA will play proud host to the 2005 IFOAM World Organic Congress to be held in Adelaide in September www.ifoam2005.info.

For further information visit the NASAA website at www.nasaa.com.au.