

AAK and Lipids for Care are proud to announce that our Lipex Shea Butter Family is growing to meet our customer's demands for shea butter functionality in cosmetic applications. The latest contribution to our Family is a Certified Organic Shea Butter, with the trade name Lipex® SB Organic, certified by Ecocert S.A. in France.

Certified Organic Shea Butter

– A Lipex® branded product



Organic shea kernels from Bukina Faso

AAK started the work three years ago in West Africa to secure a well controlled and sustainable source of organic shea butter. Lipids for Care asked our staff already working in this area to identify an appropriate village that could provide a certified organic shea butter with high quality. With the help of the contacts and network they already had in our current business for the standard shea kernels, they soon found a village in Burkina Faso meeting the requirements to help us in this project.

Our demands were high from the beginning; we wanted the best quality, trustworthy certification, and to meet the standards we demand for our high quality Lipex® brand. We chose the well known and reliable organisation Ecocert S.A. as the certifying body since they have a presence locally in West Africa. Ecocert certified about 110 000 shea trees which fulfilled the demands of supplying an organic raw material. Women traditionally collect the shea kernels in West Africa. AAK made an agreement with 1200 women to collect the kernels from the certified trees. We

also made an agreement with 20-40 women in the village for processing the kernels to butter. Three months after the harvest the organic shea butter started its journey to Sweden for refining.

In addition, AAK is already involved in a UNDP-project in Burkina Faso, providing Multifunctional Platforms in the villages, helping the women facilitate their daily workload in order to give more time for education and improving the living conditions.

Ecocert – all the way from tree to customer

The last step in this process was to certify the AAK production site, as being suitable for organic production of Lipex® SB Organic. In June Ecocert came to Karlshamn in Sweden for an audit, looking at both the production procedures and the documentation for the raw material. Shortly after their visit we received our certificate showing that our Lipex® SB Organic is a true and reliable organic shea butter – all the way from tree to customer.

Our thorough work has resulted in

- Reliable organic certification in both Africa and Sweden with full traceability
- A high quality organic shea butter in terms of shelf life, smell and colour, suited for cosmetic applications
- Guide formulations using Lipex® SB Organic

Lipex® SB Organic

Can be used in the same way as traditionally refined shea butter, such as Lipex® 102. It is suitable for skin care creams, body butters, hand and foot creams in concentrations from 1% to 3% of the formulation. It combines well with certified organic oils such as Certified Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Certified Organic Sunflower Oil to meet the requirements for formulating Ecological and Organic Cosmetics according to the Ecocert guidelines.

