

This is a GREAT response from Dr. Peter about "organic" products just in case any of you want to file it away:

Organic is a process of growing and processing. Generally is good though certification varies around the world. No harmonization from one country to the next. US Organic cannot make the same claim in other countries. It does not guarantee high activities nor quality. Not even pesticide free nor herbicide free. Just stipulate that those things cannot be used. But cross contamination, rain runoff etc. do take place. I have tested soil from many continents; they all differ and not clean.

I have tested organic farms around the world. There are not equal. Worse, they all contain pesticides, just varies in levels.

In addition, not every ingredient we use can be Organic. Only certain agricultural products. Business sustainability / availability is the major concern beside higher costs.

Best approach is develop our own guiding principles, not rely on a certificate. Do our own quality testing and maintain our own quality mission. We jointly decide our future, not organizations making a certification profit.

Most organic ingredients that are certified are in our makeup products.

Arbonne has incorporated high quality alpine herbs into the new Arbonne Cosmetics line which are grown by specialized, organically-certified Swiss farming communities. The alpine herbs are generally cultivated on a small scale according to strict Swiss national regulations so as not to "over-tax" the soil from over-cultivation, to support the alpine biodiversity and to maintain an economic activity profitable to our mountain farmers. They are Eco-Certified and Bio-Swiss certified.

Eco-Cert is a public entity that provides one of the most respected

and internationally recognized certification standards for organic and natural products in the world. EcoCert carries out inspections and certifications in over 80 countries around the world. Organic farming respects nature, biodiversity and does not release toxic molecules.

Bio-Suisse, Swiss Organic Agriculture Organization, guarantees the method of organic cultivation. The given Bio-Suisse seal of approval stands for natural diversity on the organic farms and ensures non-aggressive processing and products free from genetic engineering.

Ingredients that have been incorporated into the Arbonne Cosmetics line are Buddleja davidii extract (Butterfly Bush), Marrubium vulgare extract (White Horehound), Thymus vulgaris extract (Thyme), Scutellaria Alpina extract (Alpine Skullcap). Not only are the plants organically certified, but so are the extract processes. These ingredients all contribute to the moisturizing, anti-oxidant, calming and soothing properties of the Arbonne Cosmetics. Please note that even though these ingredients are certified organic, the finished products cannot be certified organic.

For the reasons above through our quality testing of ingredient purity, we feel we are better than many organic ingredient certified with a piece of paper where we have laboratory proof of results. We do not want our users to have a false sense of safety by a meaningless paper.

We are committed to other certifications that are more mission aligned. Non-GMO, Vegan, Kosher, Certified Drug Free by BSCG for sports etc.