
Natural Refined ORGANIC Shea Butter

Preservative Free

100% Vegetable Origin



CERTIFIED ORGANIC by ECOCERT

INCI NAME: Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea Butter)

Description

SHEA BUTTER also known as “Women’s Gold” comes from the African shea tree found along the West African Savannah region. It is a wild growing tree that produces small, almond-like fruits, from which shea butter is extracted.

The seeds, which contain butter, are mechanically pressed. To obtain **REFINED ORGANIC SHEA BUTTER**, purification and refining are carried out by traditional methods without chemicals or solvents. This provides a natural, completely white colored material which has a soft, butter-like consistency.

This white and refined Shea Butter is CERTIFIED ORGANIC by ECOCERT and meets the standards of ecological and biological cosmetics.

Cosmetic Properties of Refined Organic Shea Butter

Shea butter is widely used to protect skin from weather, sun’s UV, photo-aging and to eliminate superficial irritations. It is an ingredient in traditional medicines against dermatitis, dermatoses, eczema etc...

The high level of fatty acids (dominated by oleic, stearic and linoleic acids) and the unsaponifiable fraction contribute to moisturise the epidermis and to retain the elasticity of the skin.

Cosmetic attributes of Refined Organic Shea Butter

- Skin emollient and well recognised moisturiser
- Restores skin elasticity
- Anti-irritant and anti-inflammatory actions
- Improves hair softness
- Enhancement of the sun protection factor of organic sunscreens
- Helps to stabilise emulsions and to adjust viscosity

REFINED ORGANIC SHEA BUTTER is ideal for ecological and biological cosmetics where a white and refined butter is necessary with added benefit of the word organic for marketing purposes.

Suggested cosmetic applications of Organic Shea Butter

The butter is solid and melts between 28 - 34°C. We would suggest adding the butter to an emulsion system in the oil phase.

- Whole product ranges have been dedicated to this butter. Such formulations include-:
- Cleaning products: super fatting material for the skin
- Hair care products: shea butter is superior to both cocoa butter and jojoba butter in the treatment of damaged hair
- Hand, face and body creams/butters
- Sun care
- Soaps

Main Characteristics

Appearance at 20°C	Off-white to ivory solid
Odour	Faint, characteristic
Melting range, °C	28 - 34
FFA (as oleic),%	1.0 max
Iodine value	50 - 70
Saponification value	178 - 195
Unsaponifiable matter, %	4,0 – 9,0
Peroxide value, meq/kg	3.0 max

Standard Packaging

White plastic pails 25 kg net, cartons with pe liner 25 kg net

Storage

Store in a cool dry place in original unopened containers

Shelf Life

12 months in original unopened packaging

Standard REFINED SHEA BUTTER (approved by Ecocert for use in cosmetics certified according to ecological and organic standards) is also proposed.