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### Cosmetic accreditation now available in Australia

Asia-Pacific cosmetic and skincare manufacturers can now apply for a world leading certification scheme in Australia.

Australian Certified Organic can now accredit products and raw materials with the Cosmetics Organic and natural Standard, COSMOS. It is the only Australian and Asia-Pacific based certifier approved to accredit products with this logo.

COSMOS is the most respected certification scheme for organic and natural cosmetics and raw cosmetic materials worldwide.

Previously manufacturers and retailers seeking COSMOS accreditation worked with auditors in Europe, which could cost up to \$10,000 in travel and inspection costs.

Through Australian Certified Organic the costs of certification are a fraction of that.

COSMOS accreditation gives a product the widest organic and natural market options available. The accreditation is the result of an agreement between the leading organic certification bodies in Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom and is run by a not for profit organisation.

Senior certification officer with Australian Certified Organic, Jorge Larranaga, says by certifying with a local organisation companies in the Asia Pacific region will get immediate customer service.

He says, "The COSMOS standard complements our existing cosmetics certification under the Australian Standard, giving our clients a tool for accessing global markets under a well-known standard."

To be certified with COSMOS Organic 95% of the physically processed agro-ingredients must be organically produced. Companies must also follow strict environmental practices from start to finish.

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