

**If a cosmetic is certified organic, can it contain parabens, which are hormone disruptive ingredients?**

If the cosmetic is certified to a private standard and does not reference the NOP or use the USDA organic seal, it may contain such ingredients. Parabens are not on the National List. There are no cosmetic standards under the NOP. Cosmetics that are certified to the USDA-NOP standard may only contain agricultural ingredients and substances approved for use on the National List.

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