

We produce a non-GMO phytosterol product that comes from tall oil pitch. Tall oil pitch originates from pine trees, and is a by-product of the papermaking process. We use a distillation process that currently uses a solvent not on the National List of approved substances, but we are planning to switch over to ethanol, which is on the National List. How do we get our product certified organic? There are state links on your website, how do they tie into the USDA certification? What would be the first step for us?

Go to the NOP website @ <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> and click on "Certifying Agents." Click on the "List of USDA Accredited Certifying Agents," then choose either domestic or foreign to find the closest Certifying Agent to you. Once you choose a Certifying Agent, and contact them, they will be able to explain all the steps required for you to become certified.

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