

10-point shea butter COA checklist

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A COA that fails on batch specificity or stated methods should be treated as a specification. Request a batch-specific certificate before payment.

- ☐ 1. Batch-specific (single values, batch number matches the drums)?
- ☐ 2. Test method stated for every parameter?
- ☐ 3. Laboratory identified (and whether third-party)?
- ☐ 4. Sampling and analysis dates present, and recent relative to shipment?
- ☐ 5. Units correct and complete (FFA reference acid, RI temperature, PV as meq O₂/kg)?
- ☐ 6. Acid value versus FFA - which is reported, and did you convert?
- ☐ 7. All nine parameters present - especially unsaponifiables and saponification value / refractive index?
- ☐ 8. A specification column to judge each result against?
- ☐ 9. Signed, with signatory role?
- ☐ 10. Does the COA agree with the pro-forma grade and the drum labels?