

Soil Association Organic Standards for Health and Beauty Care Products

Summary of standards changes – document updated 6th June 2025

Standard	Description of changes	Reason for update
1.21 Using the Soil Association symbol on products	The standard regarding the use of the Soil Association symbol has been added.	This standard was previously cross-referenced to the Soil Association Food and Drink standards. It is now added to the Soil Association Health and Beauty standards in its own right, to provide clarity to licensees.
2.6 Packaging	The Soil Association standards regarding the use of packaging products have been added.	These standards, which are already a feature of the Soil Association's Food and Drink standards , are being included in the Soil Association's Health and Beauty standards. This is to ensure consistent alignment across our standards.
2.1.4.3 Using pyrethrum in areas used for organic products	<p>The standard is updated as follows:</p> <p>You may use pyrethrum, that is, natural pyrethrins extracted from plants only, under the specific conditions below. They may be synergised only with piperonyl butoxide (PBO) from a natural source, such as oil of sassafras:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you may use pyrethrum as a spray or fog only to control insects • before using pyrethrum, you must remove all <u>unpackaged</u> organic products from the area to be treated 	These standards, which are already a feature of the Soil Association's Food and Drink standards , are being included in the Soil Association's Health and Beauty standards. This is to ensure consistent alignment across our standards.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you must not put organic products back into the treated area for at least 24 hours after the treatment • <u>if product is in sealed packaging it can remain, but additionally wrap the product with impermeable layer and not remove the wrapping for at least 24 hours after the treatment.</u> • you must clean all product contact surfaces in the area, using methods that we allow, after the treatment and before you process or store organic product there again, and <p>You must contact us before you want to spray if you cannot remove organic products from the area. In some cases, we may allow you to cover organic products with impermeable sheeting to prevent contact with the spray.</p>	
2.14.5 Using rodent glue boards	<p>This standard is updated as follows:</p> <p><u>Be aware that the use of glue boards is prohibited or severely restricted by legislation in England, Wales and Scotland.</u></p> <p>With our <u>prior approval and where permitted by legislation</u>, you may use glue boards for rodents. You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide evidence to show that other methods of trapping have failed or are not appropriate, before you use the glue 	<p>This is an update to reflect changes in legislation regarding the use of glue boards, and to ensure consistency across all Soil Association standards on the use of rodent glue boards.</p>

	<p>boards, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>use them according to the British Pest Control Association code of practice:</u> • check rodent glue boards at least once every 12 hours including at weekends and Bank Holidays, as required by the British Pest Control Association code of practice • keep a record of each check. 	
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