



# HANDCRAFTED SHEA BUTTER



## THE STORY

The Savannah Fruits Company (SFC) partners with over 35 cooperatives, representing more than 48,000 women across West Africa, sourcing organic and fairly traded shea butter from Ghana, Mali, Cote D'Ivoire, Togo, and Burkina Faso. SFC supports these women by assisting in cooperative organization, providing pre-financing, and guiding them through the production of high-quality, handcrafted shea butter. This butter is then purchased and exported to SFC's state-of-the-art facilities in the Netherlands for micro filtering or refining, ensuring it meets international cosmetic and food-grade standards before distribution.

This sustainable model empowers rural African women with year-round income opportunities, allowing them to afford essentials like education for their children, healthcare, and family support. SFC's commitment to fair trade ensures fair compensation, contributing to the economic stability of their communities while also supporting conservation efforts to preserve the natural shea landscape.

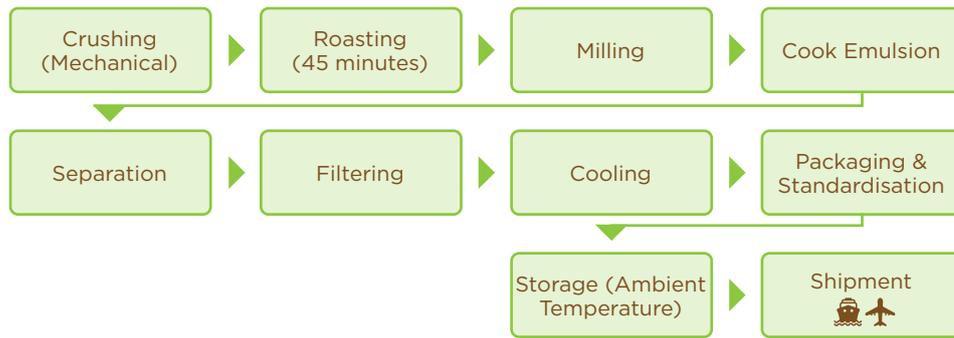
## METHOD

Handcrafted shea butter production begins with harvesting shea nuts, which are then dried, cracked, roasted, and ground into a paste. This paste is kneaded and churned with water, separating the shea butter, which is collected, melted, and filtered to remove impurities. This purified shea butter is then refined to the highest standards without chemicals or solvents, resulting in a natural, white to ivory-colored product with a soft, butter-like consistency. At the client's request, yellow shea butter can be made by adding indigenous Borututu root during the process; this root is not added to the refined, ivory, white or organic shea butter. Finally, the shea butter is cooled and packaged.



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## PROCESSING



## DESCRIPTION

**INCI Name:** Butyrospermum Parkii Butter

**CAS Number:** 91080-23-8

**EINECS :** 293 515-7

**Shelf Life:** 24 months from Manufacture

**Available forms:** 25kg Cartons, 180kg Drums or 25kg Plastic pails

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATION FOR SHEA BUTTER

### Chemical and Physical Parameters

Analysis	Comment	Specification	UOM	Based on method
Free fatty acid	as Oleic acid	7 max	%	NEN 660:2009
Peroxide value		15 max	meq /kg	AOCS Cd8b:90(09)
Color		8.5 max	gardner	NEN 27608:2010
Color lovibond red		12.5 max	5 ¼ inch	NEN 27608:2010
Color lovibond yellow		105.0 max	5 ¼ inch	NEN 27608:2010
Refractive index	as ND40	1.4690 max	n/a	IUPAC 2.102
Moisture content	Karl fisher	0.10 max	%	AOCS Ca2e:84(09)
Iodine value	Wijs method	58-72 max	n/a	NEN 3961:1999
Melting Point		29-38 max	°C	
Saponification value		170-190 max	MgKOH/g	
Unsaponifiable matter		4-10 max	%	

## USES

Shea butter is a versatile ingredient used in a wide range of cosmetic, homecare, and skincare products, from lip balms and hand creams to massage butters and sun care lotions. It's particularly beneficial for hair care, outperforming both cocoa and jojoba butter in treating damaged hair. Shea butter's moisturizing and protective properties also make it ideal for hand, face, and body creams, as well as cleansing products and baby care items.

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