

Annex I, Part 7

COSMETIC LABELING REQUIREMENTS

1. OBJECTIVE

This document provides guidance for the labelling requirements of cosmetic products. They are required to be labelled in accordance with the Regulations before they can be sold or supplied in Malaysia and to make claims that will not mislead the consumer about the product's contents, quality or safety.

2. SCOPE AND DEFINITION

For the purpose of this document:

- 2.1 **Name of the cosmetic product** means the name given to a cosmetic product, which may be an invented name, together with a trade mark or the brand name
- 2.2 **Immediate packaging** means the container or other form of packaging immediately in contact with the cosmetic product
- 2.3 **Outer packaging** means the packaging into which is placed the immediate packaging
- 2.4 **Labelling** means information written or printed or graphic matter on the immediate or outer packaging and any form of leaflets at the point of sale.

3. LABELLING OF COSMETIC PRODUCTS

- 3.1 The following particulars shall appear on the outer packaging of cosmetic products or, where there is no outer packaging, on the immediate packaging of cosmetic products:
 - a) The name of the cosmetic product and its function, unless it is clear from the presentation of the product
 - b) Instructions on the use of the cosmetic product, unless it is clear from the product name or presentation

- c) Full ingredient listing.
- i. The ingredients must be declared in descending order of weight at the time they are added.
 - ii. Perfume and aromatic compositions and their raw materials may be referred to by the word “perfume”, “fragrance”, “aroma” or “flavour”.
 - iii. Ingredients in concentrations of less than 1% may be listed in any order after those of concentration of more than 1%.
 - iv. Colouring agents may be listed in any order after the other ingredients, in accordance with the colour index number or denomination adopted in Annex IV.

For decorative cosmetic products marketed in several colour shades, all colouring agents used in the range may be listed, provided that the terms “may contain” or “+/-“ be added.

The ingredients shall be specified using the nomenclature from the latest edition of standard references (Refer to appendix A). Botanicals and extract of botanicals should be identified by its genus and species. The genus may be abbreviated.

The following shall not, however, be regarded as ingredients:

- Impurities in the raw materials used
- Subsidiary technical materials used in the preparation but not present in the final products
- Materials used in strictly necessary quantities as solvents, or as carriers, for perfume and aromatic compositions

- d) Country of manufacture.
- e) The name and address of Cosmetic Notification Holder (CNH).
- f) The contents given by weight or volume, in either metric or both metric and imperial system.
- g) The manufacturing batch number.
- h) The manufacturing or the expiry date of the product in clear terms (e.g. month/year). The date shall be clearly expressed and shall consist either of the month and year or the day, month and year in that order. The date of minimum durability shall be the date until which this product, stored under appropriate conditions, continues to fulfil its initial function and, in particular, remains in conformity with safety requirements. It should be preceded by

the words “expiry date” or “best before”. If necessary, this information shall be supplemented by an indication of the conditions which must be satisfied to guarantee the stated durability.

Indication of the expiry date shall be mandatory for cosmetic products with minimum durability of less than 30 months.

- i) Special precautions, if any (especially those listed in the column “Conditions of use and warnings which must be printed on the label” in the ingredient Annexes), which must appear on the label as well as any special precautionary information on the cosmetic products.

“Professional use” means the application and use of cosmetic products by persons in the exercise of their professional activity (e.g. in hair salons, nail salons, spa salons, skin clinics etc). It also means that such cosmetic products should not be sold by a professional to the consumer.

A “professional” would have attained a certain level of expertise and experience. Therefore, they are more familiar with the risks associated with the use of the products than the consumer. They would also have the professional expertise in the correct application of the product on a consumer.

Products packaged in vial or ampoule must be labelled ‘for external use only’.

Declaration of ingredients from animal origin:

- i. There must be a statement (of any format) on the product label signalling the presence of ingredients of animal origin.
- ii. For ingredients of bovine (cow) or porcine (pig) origin, the exact animal must be declared.

3.2 In cases where the size, shape or nature of the container or package does not permit the particulars laid down in paragraphs 3.1 (a) – (i) to be displayed, the use of leaflets, pamphlets, hang tags, display panel, shrink wrap, etc. shall be allowed. However the following particulars at least shall appear on small immediate packaging:

- a) The name of the cosmetic product.
- b) The manufacturing batch number.

- 3.3** In cases where the cosmetic product is imported in bulk container, the following particulars at least shall appear on the container:
- a) The name of the cosmetic product.
 - b) The name of manufacturer and manufacturing batch number.
4. The particulars referred to in paragraph 3 shall be easily legible, clearly comprehensible and indelible.
5. The information on the label shall be in Bahasa Malaysia and/or English.

Appendix A

List of standard references for cosmetic ingredient nomenclature:

1. International Cosmetic Ingredient Dictionary & Handbook.
2. Pharmacopoeias (e.g. British Pharmacopeia (BP), United States Pharmacopeia (USP)).
3. Chemical Abstract Services.
4. Any other approved standard references.
5. Botanicals and extract of botanicals should be identified by its genus and species.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list.