

REQUIREMENTS TO COSMETIC PRODUCTS IN NIGERIA BY NAFDAC

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Introduction. Consumers of cosmetic and personal care products are protected by strong safety requirements laid down in cosmetics legislation. At the same time, manufacturers should use the best science and latest available research data to prove the safety of a cosmetic product before it is placed on the market. Some cosmetic products deserve special attention from regulators due to their scientific complexity or higher potential risk to consumer health.

The general requirements to cosmetic products in Nigeria is foreseen and ensured by the regulatory body known as National Agency For Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). NAFDAC was established by Decree 15 of 1993 as amended by Decree 19 of 1999 and now the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act Cap N1 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Our **aim** was to study the necessary documentation for the implementation of cosmetic products in Nigeria.

Materials and Methods. This regulatory body (NAFDAC) uses the guidelines in accordance with provisions of ACTCAPF33LFN2004(formerly decree 19 of 1993) which emphasizes that no cosmetic product shall be manufactured, imported, exported and distributed in Nigeria unless it has been properly registered and inspected.

Results and Discussion. The process of documentation involves the manufacturer showing evidence of license to manufacture and that the sale of product does not constitute a contravention of the Laws of that country. Comprehensive certificate of analysis, Certificate of business incorporation with the corporate affairs commission in Nigeria .Certificate of registration of brand name with trademark registry. Labelling should be informative and accurate consisting of name of product, batch number, brand name, date of manufacture, location address of manufacturer, distributor, packer, importer, exporter, net content of essential ingredients in metric units which must be listed by their common names and must contain directions for safe use.

Conclusion. We can say that this regulatory body in Nigeria is very reliable efficient and carries out their duties effectively using the accurate guidelines in accordance with the ACTCAPF33LFN2004.