



CDSCO ISSUES PUBLIC NOTICE ON REGULATION OF COSMETICS

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation issued a public notice bearing reference no. COS-12/1/2026-eoffice (“**Notice**”) reiterating key provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Cosmetics Rules, 2020.

As per Section 3(aaa) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, a “cosmetic” means any article intended to be **rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed on, or introduced into, or otherwise applied to, the human body** or any part thereof for **cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance**, and includes any article intended for use as a component of cosmetic.

The Notice states that products supplied **in form of injectable preparation** do not fall under the definition of cosmetics. Moreover, no cosmetic is permitted to be used as injection by consumers/ professionals/ aesthetic clinics. Cosmetics are only intended to be **rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed** to the human body. Thus, cosmetics are permitted to be supplied for its intended use as defined in the definition under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and no cosmetic is permitted to be used in treatment by professionals/individuals.

The Notice noted that as per the provisions of labelling of cosmetics, no cosmetic may purport or claim to purport or convey any idea which is false or misleading to the intending user of cosmetics. Moreover, no person shall alter, obliterate or deface any inscription or mark made or recorded by the manufacturer on the container, label or wrapper of any cosmetic.

Thus, the Notice reiterates that use of prohibited ingredients in cosmetic product, misleading claims on label, use of cosmetics for treatment and application of cosmetic through injection violates the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and the Cosmetic Rules, 2020.

Read more at:

https://cdsco.gov.in/opencms/opencms/system/modules/CDSCO.WEB/elements/download_file_division.jsp?num_id=MTQxNzU=



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