



Cosmetics Act

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of this Act is to contribute to improving public health and developing the cosmetics industry by prescribing matters concerning the manufacture, importation, sale, exportation, etc. of cosmetics.
<Amended by Act No. 15488, Mar. 13, 2018>

Article 2 (Definitions) The terms used in this Act shall be defined as follows:
<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013; Act No. 14264, May. 29, 2016; Act No. 15488, Mar. 13, 2018; Act No. 16298, Jan. 15, 2019; Act No. 17250, Apr. 7, 2020>

1. The term "cosmetic" means any item intended to be used by means of spreading, rubbing, spraying on or otherwise applied to the human body for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness or brightening the appearance, or maintaining or improving the health of skin and hair, which have light effects on the human body: Provided, That goods constituting medicines defined in subparagraph 4 of Article 2 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act shall be excluded therefrom;
2. The term "functional cosmetic" means any of the following cosmetics prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime Minister:
 - (a) A product aiding in the whitening of the skin;
 - (b) A product aiding in improving wrinkles in the skin;
 - (c) A product aiding in tanning skin gently or protecting skin from

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ultraviolet rays;

(d) A product aiding in changing or removing the color of hair, or nourishing hair;

(e) A product aiding in preventing or improving dryness, splits, loss, cornification, etc. resulting from weakened functions of skin or hair;

2-2. The term "natural cosmetic" means any cosmetic that contains animals or plants, or raw materials derived therefrom, and complies with the standards prescribed by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety;

3. The term "organic cosmetic" means any cosmetic that contains organic materials, plants, animals, materials, etc. derived therefrom, and complies with the standards prescribed by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety;

3-2. The term "custom cosmetic" means any of the following:

(a) A cosmetic made by mixing the contents of a manufactured or imported cosmetic with the contents of any other cosmetic or a raw material prescribed by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety;

(b) A cosmetic repackaged by dividing the contents of a manufactured or imported cosmetic into smaller amounts; Provided, that the cosmetics prescribed by the Ordinance of the Prime Minister such as solid soap, etc. being divided into smaller amounts shall be excluded therefrom.

4. The term "safe container or packaging" means any container or packaging designed or planned with child-proof lids for children under the age of five;

5. The term "use-by date" means the minimum period from date of manufacture during which consumers can safely use a cosmetic with its unique characteristics preserved in appropriate storage conditions;

6. The term "primary package" means packaging containers which come into direct contact with the contents of cosmetics at the time of manufacturing;

7. The term "secondary package" means one or more packages, protecting materials, and packages for the purpose of labeling (including attached documents, etc.) that encase the primary package;

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