

# Section 1: Background to Cosmetic Regulations



## CTFA BRIDGING THE GAP COMPENDIUM:

Within the self-regulatory framework, the CTFA continues to reference the European Legislation, EC Regulations 1223/2009, as the basis of the guidelines provided to industry in the form of the Cosmetic Compendium.

1. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2016, the Department of Health (DOH) published a Government notice R921 Draft Regulations relating to Advertising, Labelling and Composition of Cosmetics.
2. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2017, the Department of Health (DOH) published a Government notice R1469 Draft Regulations relating to Advertising, Labelling and Composition of Cosmetics(Redraft)  
[https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/201712/41351rg10790gon1469s.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201712/41351rg10790gon1469s.pdf)

These publications have changed the regulatory landscape in South Africa and a future impending reform from a self-regulatory environment to one that will be regulated by the Department of Health (DoH).

## BRIDGING THE GAP: Between SELF-REGULATED and REGULATED

*\*The CTFA Bridging-the-Gap Compendium now reflects the Government notice R1469 Regulations relating to Advertising, Labelling and Composition of Cosmetics, 22 December 2017*

DoH notified the World Trade Organisation of the publishing of the draft regulations. Included herein was the proposed date of adoption as 30 March 2017 and the proposed date of entry into force as 28 September 2017.

Both these dates have expired without promulgation, however, CTFA continues to ensure that ongoing engagement occurs with the regulator to ascertain new dates. In 2019, the regulator planned to restructure and possibly create a cosmetic directorate that would be responsible for enforcing these regulations which explains the delay in promulgation. There has been no clear indication on the progress with regards to this, however CTFA will communicate updates via notifications. These updates are ongoing, making this document an evolving one.

1. Annex updates to include all updates of EC regulations 1223/2009, have been included. New entries and changes have been included with "\*" and a footnote has been included, which

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explains the compliance period for such changes. Please take note of these updates and prepare accordingly when developing or launching new products.  
The CTFA Compendium is updated in January and July

2. ARB code was updated successfully in 2023 and is available on the Advertising Regulatory Board's website.
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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

CTFA continues to engage with the National Department of Health and has suggested that a Cosmetic Directorate structure be established to expedite the promulgation of the draft regulations. In 2024, CTFA will continue engaging with the department through the added support of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC).

Timelines: TBC

## **STANDARDS:**

The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) is the National standards body in South Africa. The CTFA participates at various technical committees and sub-committees to contribute and influence the standards development and relevance for the cosmetic industry.

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