

Section 4: Cosmetic Good Manufacturing Practice



Good Manufacturing Practices entails the development of a quality assurance system that addresses all aspects of the manufacturing facility to ensure reproducible, quality products. All practices need to be documented and controlled from receipt of raw materials right through to product dispatch, and even product complaints. All aspects of the environment need to be addressed including (but not limited to) building, storage, cleaning, waste management, rodent management and dust control, as these all are possible areas of contamination. Production aspects including raw material control, production control, quality control testing and batch control, are critical for GMP. The training and health of employees is key as untrained or unwell employees are a risk to the final product.

Regulations relating to the labelling, advertising and composition of cosmetics, No. R. 1469, 22 December 2017, clause 5 Good manufacturing practice, makes this a mandatory requirement for cosmetic manufacturing sites, once promulgation takes place and the compliance period is reached.

Whilst GMP certification is not a regulatory requirement and the draft regulations Clause 5(2) requires “accordance with the relevant SANS and ISO standards”, many retailers and/ or foreign countries do require a GMP declaration/certification to enable trade.

ISO 22716:2007 has been adopted as the South African National Standard, SANS 22716:2011- Cosmetics- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)- Guidelines on Good Manufacturing.

<https://ctfa.co.za/Standards/sabs/sans-22716-2011/>

It is available to members on the CTFA website or can be purchased from www.sabs.co.za.

In addition, there is a Technical Report SATR 24475:2011- Cosmetics- Good Manufacturing Practices- General training document, which is also extremely useful to review when implementing cGMP (GMP in the cosmetic sector). This standard and guideline is available for purchase from www.sabs.co.za.

CTFA also offers training on cGMP