



## **NOTICE TO ALL MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS, AND IMPORTERS OF COSMETICS IN ZAMBIA**

### **REGULATION OF COSMETICS**

**17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority is established under the Medicines and Allied Substances Act (No.3) of 2013 to among other things ensure that all allied substances which include Cosmetics conform to the required standards for quality, safety, and efficacy throughout the chain of manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, storage and sale.

A cosmetic under the Medicines and Allied Substances Act (No.3) of 2013 is defined as **“any substance manufactured or sold for use in cleansing, beautifying or altering the hair, eyes, teeth or nails, or complexion of the skin, and includes deodorants and perfumes”**.

In the quest for the effective regulation of cosmetics being manufactured and imported into Zambia, the Authority is calling on all importers and distributors of Cosmetics to provide information on the cosmetics that are being manufactured or imported into the country as part of the initial phase in the regulation of these products.

The Authority wishes to inform all manufacturers and importers of cosmetics in Zambia and the general public that from **9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, after the publication of the Guidelines on Grant of Marketing Authorisation of Cosmetics, the regulation of cosmetics in Zambia will be in effect. With the aforementioned, as per requirements of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act (No.3) of 2013, cosmetics being placed on the market shall require to be granted Marketing Authorisation by the Authority and subsequently, importers are required to apply for an import permit from the Authority for all imports.

Manufacturers and importers of cosmetics are advised and encouraged to contact the Authority on the respective regulatory requirements to be met to ensure regulatory compliance.

You are further advised that Marketing Authorisation (registration) of cosmetics is a legal requirement under the Medicines and Allied Substances Act (No.3) of 2013. Industry and the general public are advised to acquaint themselves with the prescribed regulatory requirements set out in the Guidelines on Grant of Marketing Authorisation of Cosmetics available on our website at [www.zamra.co.zm](http://www.zamra.co.zm).

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