



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

### **LABELLING GUIDANCE ON COSMETIC POWDERS CONTAINING TALCUM**

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

The Authority wishes to advise manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and importers of cosmetics being sold or supplied on the Zambian market must comply and adhere to the labelling requirements provided in the Guidelines for Grant of Marketing Authorisation of Cosmetics in Zambia.

To this effect, the Authority wishes to guide manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and importers of cosmetics in Zambia to ensure that all cosmetic powders containing talcum are indelibly labelled with a warning that should read:

**“WARNING: Keep powder away from children's nose and mouth to avoid inhalation, which can cause breathing problems. Avoid contact with eyes. For external use only. Do not use on broken skin.”**

The warning provided above is to ensure and promote the safe use of cosmetic powders containing talcum that are available on the Zambian Market.

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 respective Guidelines available on our website at:

<https://www.zamra.co.zm/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ZAMRA-Cosmetic-Guidelines-22Mar2023-v.LC-final-1.pdf>.

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