The safety of cosmetics is of paramount importance. With so many regulations worldwide to ensure the safety of cosmetic products, Cosmetics IQ has compiled this one page global guide to cosmetic compliance regulations focusing on some of the major markets.

**USA**
The FDA regulates cosmetics under the authority of these laws: Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) and the Fair Packaging and Labelling Act (FPLA).
The United States requires that any cosmetics comply with the “Cosmetics Safety Amendments Act of 2013.” This legislation was introduced to strengthen and modernise the previous Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act, March 2005) and the Fair Packaging and Labelling Act (FPLA, August 1932) giving the Food & Drug Administration a greater role in assessing the safety of personal care products. Cosmetics - Food and Drug Administration.

**Canada**
The Canadian government regulates the cosmetics industry through Health Canada’s Cosmetics Program. Canadian regulations relating to Cosmetics (C.R.C. c.859) form part of Canada’s Food & Drugs Act. All cosmetics sold in Canada must meet the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act and the Cosmetic Regulations.

**European Union**
The EU Regulation on Cosmetics Products aims to ensure uniformity in the implementation of rules governing the cosmetics industry across all EU Member States. EU Cosmetic Regulation 1223/2009 (this amended version was enacted July 2013)

**China**
Chinese Food and Drug Administration (CFDA)’s Final inventory of Existing Cosmetic Ingredients in (IECIC). The list of more than 8,700 ingredients covers ingredients that have been used in Chinese cosmetics, thus they do not require registration with the CFDA.

**Korea**
The Korean MFDS Cosmetics GMP is benchmarked against ISO 22716 and while adherence to it is not currently mandatory across all products, it is expected to be in the near future to support the recognition of the standard of Korean manufactured products within other markets.

**South Africa**
The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) together with the CTFA (SA) and industry has developed a range of standards. Cosmetic products are not subject to registration.

**Brazil**
Anvisa issued Resolution 4/2014, revised on the 30th January, 2014. This Resolution approved the technical regulation on definition, classification, technical requirements, labelling and electronic procedure for regularisation of toiletries, cosmetics and perfumes.

**Japan**
Regulated through the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare according to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law (Law No. 145) which was established August 10, 1953. The law in Japan was relaxed in April 2001 as the pre-approval of new cosmetics placed in the market is not needed if they meet the requirements for full ingredients labelling, and do not contain ingredients listed in the restricted ingredient appendices.

**India**
In India the Drugs and Cosmetic Act (1940) operates the regulations of cosmetics.

**Australia**
Ingredients in cosmetic products, even those described as ‘natural’, are regulated as industrial chemicals under the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 (the Act). To find out if your product is a cosmetic regulated by the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS), follow the process map. To assist with facilitating this regulatory framework, on 11 June 2008 the TGA adopted Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods) Order No. 1 of 2008. On 31 May 2011 this Order was revoked by Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods) Order No. 1 of 2011. The mandatory standard for ingredients labelling on cosmetics came into effect on 31 October 1993 and was last amended 23 May 2008.

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