



Guidelines for Importing Cosmetics into India**

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Introduction

Importing cosmetics into India is regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Cosmetics Rules, 2020, by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). This guideline provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of the steps, requirements, and key considerations for obtaining an Import Registration Certificate (IRC).

Step-by-Step Guide

1. Purpose and Scope

- Purpose: To guide stakeholders on the submission process for obtaining an IRC.
- Scope: Applicable to manufacturers, authorized agents, or importers in India.

2. Submission Process

- Mode of Submission: Applications are submitted online via the SUGAM Portal.
- Required Application Form:
 - Use Form COS-1 for registration.
 - Obtain Form COS-2 post-approval.

3. Documentation Checklist

A. Covering Letter

- Clearly mention purpose: Fresh, Endorsement, Re-Registration, etc.
- Include details of previously issued IRCs, if any.

B. Authorization from Manufacturer

- Must be executed and authenticated by appropriate authorities.

Must Include:

- Manufacturer's name and address.
- Authorized Indian agent's name and address.
- Product details and manufacturing site information.

C. Ingredient List

- Provide a detailed list of ingredients with percentages.
- Ensure compliance with:
 - Indian Standard IS: 4707.
 - Heavy metal limits.

D. Product Labels to include

- Product name.
- Manufacturer's details.
- Batch number, manufacturing, and expiry date.
- Import registration certificate number.

E. Free Sale Certificate (FSC)

- Authenticated FSC from the regulatory authority of the country of origin.

4. Regulatory Body Fee Structure

- Registration Certificate: \$1,000 USD per category.
- Manufacturing site: \$500 USD.
- Variants: \$50 USD each.
- Additional category registration: \$1,000 USD.

* Consultants will charge their consultancy fee and these are not included above

5. Compliance Standards

- Follow specifications in the Ninth Schedule or applicable quality standards in the country of origin.
- Ensure labels and packaging meet Indian regulatory requirements.

6. Key Prohibitions

- Use of prohibited ingredients like hexachlorophene, certain dyes, and heavy metals.
- False or misleading claims on product labels.

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