

# **Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority**

## **Cosmetics Presentation – What to look for....**

**Technical Regulations Division**

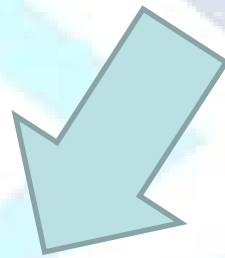
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# What are cosmetics?

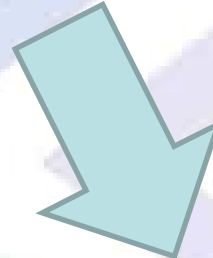
- Cosmetics are products intended to be placed in contact with the external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair, nails) or with the teeth and the mucous membranes of the oral cavity with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance, protecting them, keeping them in good condition or correcting body odours.



# *The Cosmetics journey*



***From Third Countries***



***From EU countries***

## Third Country (outside EU territory)

Manufacturer



**Manufacturer:** means any natural or legal person who manufactures a cosmetic product or has such a product designed or manufactured, and markets that cosmetic product under his name or trademark;

**Importer** means any natural or legal person established within the Community, who places a cosmetic product from a third country on the Community market

**Responsible person** established in the Community shall be designated for each product placed on the market. This person shall ensure compliance of the products with the rules set out in the Regulation

**Distributor** means any natural or legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes a cosmetic product available on the Community market

## EU territory

Importer



Responsible person

Product placed on the market

Product made available on the market

Distributor



End user



# What should the cosmetic label contain?

Containers or packaging must bear written information in indelible, easily legible and visible lettering. This information concerns:

- the name or registered name and the address of the responsible person;
- the country of origin for imported products;
- the weight or volume of the content at the time of packaging;
- a use-by date for products kept in appropriate conditions;
- precautions for use, including for cosmetics for professional use;
- the batch number of manufacture or the reference for identifying the cosmetic product;
- the list of ingredients, i.e. any substance or mixture intentionally used in the product during the process of manufacturing.

**Precautions and functions of the product (unless clear from the presentation of the product need to be in English and/or Maltese)**

# Example of what the cosmetic label should contain

	Apply to areas of the face where needed.
	<b>Caution: Avoid Eye Area</b>
	<i>Ingredients:</i> ALCOHOL DENAT.-FRAGRANCE (PARFUM)-WATER (AQUA PURIFICATA) PURIFIED-LINALOOL-CINNNAMIC ALCOHOL-LIMONENE.
<i>Facial Moisturizer</i>	© Cosmetic Co. <u>London WIK 38Q</u> Paris-Milano
Net Wt. 30mL	Made in USA
Batch No: 25819	

# What should customs officers check:

1. If product is coming from another EU country – language in MT and/or EN if the product label has any Precautionary Statements
2. If product is coming from a third country
  - Product label shows address of an EU representative. If not then product needs to be registered prior to be placed on the EU market
  - Label contains all the elements as follows:
    - *the name or registered name and the address of the responsible person;*
    - *the country of origin for imported products;*
    - *the weight or volume of the content at the time of packaging;*
    - *a use-by date for products kept in appropriate conditions;*
    - *precautions for use, including for cosmetics for professional use;*
    - *the batch number of manufacture or the reference for identifying the cosmetic product;*
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