

(10 August 1990 – to date)

FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT 54 OF 1972

Government Notice 923 in Government Gazette 3530 dated 2 June 1972. Commencement date: 1 January 1973 [Proc. No. 247 in Gazette No. 3669 dated 6 October 1972]

REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY ACTIVE OR POTENTIALLY ACTIVE DEPIGMENTING INGREDIENT, LEAD AND ITS SALTS, MERCURY AND ITS SALTS AND THE COSMETIC CATEGORY SKIN BLEACHER, SKIN LIGHTENER OR SKIN WHITENER

(Heading amended by GNR 1861 of 1990)

Government Notice R1227 in Government Gazette 11360 dated 24 June 1988. Commencement date: 1 January 1991

As amended by:

Government Notice R1783 in Government Gazette 11488 dated 2 September 1988. Commencement date: 2 September 1988

Government Notice R1861 in Government Gazette 12700 dated 10 August 1990. Commencement date: 10 August 1990

The Minister of National Health and Population Development has, in terms of section 15(1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972), made the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In these regulations "**the Act**" means the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall, unless inconsistent with the context, bear such meaning.

2. Prohibition of certain cosmetics

(1) For the purposes of section 2(1)(a)(i) of the Act, in so far as it is applied and applicable to cosmetics, the following substances are hereby prohibited:

(a) Lead and its salts and mercury and its salts;

- (b) monobenzyl ether (p-hydroxyphenyl benzyl ether or monobenzene), and any other active or potentially active depigmenting ingredient.

(Regulation 2(1)(b) amended by GNR 1861 of 1990)

- (2) For the purposes of section (2)(1)(a)(iv) of the Act the following cosmetics are hereby prohibited:

- (a) Cosmetics generally known as "Blue Butter", "Blue Ointment" or "Blou Botter";
- (b) any cosmetic purporting to be a skin bleacher, skin lightener or skin whitener.

3. Proviso

Regulation 2 shall not be construed so as to prohibit the sale, manufacture or import for sale of the following:

- (a) Any eye make-up to which has been added, solely as a preservative, thiomersal (BP) or phenyl mercuric acetate calculated as the metal, singly but not in combination, not in excess of 65 mg/kg;
- (b) concentrated shampoo or cream to which has been added thiomersal (BP) or phenyl mercuric acetate, calculated as the metal, not in excess of 30 mg/kg.

4.

(Regulation 4 substituted by GNR 1783 of 1988)

(Regulation 4 withdrawn by GNR 1861 of 1990)

5. Withdrawal of regulations

The regulations published under Government Notice R. 2083 of 23 September 1983 shall remain in force until these regulations come into operation.

(Regulation 5 substituted by GNR 1783 of 1988)