

Bew EU 7 cosmetics Regulation.

From July 2013 a new EU regulation 1223/2009 replaces the previous Cosmetics Directive in order to protect consumers' health by monitoring the labelling and composition of cosmetic products.

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The regulation will place responsibilities on the manufacturers and suppliers of cosmetic products which are available commercially. The regulation will monitor different areas of the manufacturing process including labelling, the use of restricted substances, safety testing and reports, notifying relevant authorities and traceability. Many products are likely to be affected including, but not limited to; spray tanning solution, skincare products and aromatherapy oils.

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This regulation will not stop you from blending your own aromatherapy oils for professional treatments. It will only affect you if you are selling the oils you have blended or when giving oils left over from the treatment to the client to use at home as you would then become the supplier. The new regulation would prevent you from doing this.

If you currently make and supply your own cosmetic products, you must be able to adhere to the regulation. This would involve you, as the person responsible for your cosmetic product, acquiring a valid and approved toxicology assessment for your products if you want to sell them anywhere within the EU, as well as labelling the products appropriately.

For the products cover under your combined Medical Malpractice, Public and Products Liability policy to be effective, the products that you sell and use in the course of your professional treatments must be purchased by you from a reputable supplier who is fully compliant with the new UK/EU regulations, even if the supplier is based outside of the UK/EU. You must ensure that in all cases, you have a right of recourse against any supplier for the purchase of products. Cover under your Guild Insurance Policy is also subject to your compliance with the terms and conditions of the policy.

Check with your supplier if you are unsure as to whether they are fully complying with the new regulations.

For more information, please visit the following link -

http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/consumers/product_labelling_and_packaging/co0013_en.htm.

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Guild members and all those that have public liability insurance must also ensure that they adhere to the specific terms and conditions of the insurance policy wording that relates to skin patch testing.

- Skin patch tests must be carried out at least 24 hours prior to performing a lash or brow tint or prior to the application of semi-permanent mascara, when the client attends the salon for the very first time.
- If at any time in the future you decide to change the brand of product that you use, all clients must be patch tested again.
- There is also a general insurance requirement that stipulates that you must carry out a skin patch/ allergy test prior to any treatment where it is normal practice to do so or if the manufacturer's instructions specify that a patch test is required prior to the use of a particular product or item of equipment.
- The outcome of the patch test must be noted on the record card and the treatment must not go ahead if there is a positive reaction. The record card **must be kept for ten years** from the date of the first treatment or in the case of a minor until they reach majority.

