COSMETICS AND PERSONAL CARE SCHEME

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**Target Audience:**
Applicable to organizations involved in the formulation, manufacturing, filling, packaging, repacking, labelling, storage, private label management, or placing on the market of cosmetic and personal care products under Halal certification.

**How to Use This Scheme**
This document only shows the executive summary of the scheme. The full version is available upon request.

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# Executive Summary of this Scheme

## What this document is

The HQC Cosmetics and Personal Care Products Scheme defines the requirements for Halal certification of cosmetic and personal care products under Halal Quality Control.

## Why this Scheme exists

Cosmetic and personal care products may contain complex raw materials, fragrance systems, emulsifiers, solvents, alcohol-based carriers, animal-derived substances, microbial ingredients, or claims that require specific Halal assessment. The Scheme exists to ensure that these risks are identified, controlled, documented, and verified during certification.

## What the Scheme covers

The Scheme covers raw material approval, supplier control, formulation review, production and equipment control, cleaning, packaging, labelling, water permeability claims, laboratory testing, outsourcing, private label activities, product claims, quality systems, and export-related requirements.

## Core requirements

Organizations shall maintain a Halal control system, approve materials and suppliers based on risk, prevent contamination with forbidden materials, maintain traceability, control alcohol and animal-derived materials, support claims with evidence, and comply with applicable HQC Schemes and authority requirements.

## Conclusion

By implementing this Scheme, organizations can demonstrate that cosmetic and personal care products are managed in a structured, transparent, and verifiable manner to maintain Halal integrity throughout the product lifecycle.

**Halal Control Point Guidelines available:**
Halal Control Points for the Cosmetics Sector (0492-4)
The Control Point Guidelines can be downloaded through our **Supporting Documents** page.

The following examples may be used to identify relevant Halal control points.
These examples are non-exhaustive and may not apply to all operations.

| Product category | Examples of Halal control points / technical risks |
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| Creams, emulsions, lotions, gels, oils, and skin care products | Animal-derived emulsifiers, glycerine, fatty acids, botanical extracts, alcohol carriers, preservatives, and cross-contamination risks. |
| Face masks, skin treatment products, anti-wrinkle products, skin lighteners, sunscreens, and tanning products | Active ingredients, UV filters, botanical extracts, alcohol systems, film-forming behaviour, and water resistance claims. |
| Foundations, powders, eye makeup, facial makeup, and makeup removers | Pigments, colourants, coatings, waxes, fragrances, alcohol-based carriers, and shared equipment risks. |
| Lip care and lip makeup products | Waxes, colourants, flavours, sweeteners, oils, alcohol-based extracts, and potential oral contact risks. |
| Nail care and nail makeup products | Film-forming polymers, solvents, colourants, alcohol systems, water permeability, and wudu-related claims. |
| Perfumes, fragrances, deodorants, antiperspirants, and bath preparations | Alcohol source and function, fragrance carriers, botanical extracts, complex blends, and supplier transparency. |
| Hair care, shaving preparations, depilatory products, soaps, and cleansing products | Surfactants, fatty acids, glycerine, conditioning agents, enzymes, fragrances, and cleaning controls. |
| Dental and oral care preparations | Glycerine, flavours, alcohol-containing materials, enzymes, sweeteners, colourants, and potential ingestion or contact risk. |
| External personal hygiene products | Ingredients, packaging, fragrance systems, antimicrobial components, and sensitivity of product use. |
| Cosmetic ingredients supplied to third parties | Full ingredient identity, origin, processing aids, production controls, and supporting documentation. |

## Need Help?

Your HQC contact or office partner can guide you through this scheme or answer any questions you have.

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