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Directorate General of Health Services
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
(Cosmetics Division)

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Subject: Vigilance on imported cosmetics products sold in the domestic market without valid Import Registration certificate— reg.

The Cosmetics Rules, 2020 have been notified on 15.12.2020 by the Government of India under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940). As per Rule 12 (1) Import of cosmetics— No cosmetic shall be imported into India unless the product has been registered in accordance with these rules by the Central Licensing Authority or by any officer to whom such powers may be delegated under sub-rule (1) of rule 5.

It has come into notice that imported cosmetics are being sold in domestic market without valid Registration certificate. Accordingly, SLA's & Zonal heads of CDSCO are requested to direct the inspectorate under their control for enhanced surveillance on such cosmetics products.

All port officers are also directed to keep a strict vigil on such activities to curb entry of cosmetics in India without a Registration certificate.


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