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I. BACKGROUND

COSMETIC PRODUCT NOTIFICATION

With the adoption and implementation of the ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme in 2005 by virtue of DOH Administrative Order No. 2005-0015 and 2005-0025, the notification scheme for cosmetic products was implemented. This was first fully implemented as a manual application process through FDA Bureau Circular No. 2007-013-A.

The application process went electronic in March 2013 through FDA Memorandum Circular No. 2013-011. This shift aimed to streamline the process by updating the submission of application requirements from the previously manual form to online submissions.

In August 2015, to further enhance the efficiency of the application process and transparency of information, the cosmetic product notification scheme was updated and incorporated in the FDA E-Portal.

II. FDA E-PORTAL

A. WHAT IS THE FDA E-PORTAL?

This is accessible via https://www.fda.gov.ph, and is the portal for several types of applications filed electronically with the FDA. Users of the E-Portal are provided with accounts to access the processes. Using this portal, tasks (i.e. steps in the procedure) are accomplished in a simple workflow, and cases (i.e. applications) are filed using specialized forms.
The interface may be likened to common e-mail programs. It has two key parts:

1. Navigation pane
   - Found at the left side of the interface
   - It contains the following folders:
     a. New Case – selected when an applicant wishes to apply for a new application;
        When ‘New Case’ is selected in the navigation pane, the window displays the list of processes which may be availed by the applicant. To proceed with submitting an application, the user may select from the list their preferred process to be undertaken.
b. Inbox – displays all current tasks delegated to the user; When ‘Inbox’ is selected in the navigation pane, the window displays the list of applications that are currently for further action (i.e. pending tasks) by the user. It is a tabular representation with columns provided for:

1) # - case number
2) Summary – summary of application
3) Case Notes – notes on the application by authorized users
4) Case – name of the application
5) Process – process where the application is lodged
6) Tasks – current task to be undertaken for the application
7) Sent By – User name of the last user who delegated the case
8) Due Date – due date by which the task ends,
9) Last Modify – date by which the application was last modified
10) Priority – level of priority of a case (all applications are, by default, of Normal priority). Other folders in the navigation pane will display a similar tabular presentation of information as shown in the figure below.
NAVIGATING THE E-PORTAL

c. Draft – displays all cases started but not fully accomplished

d. Participated – displays all applications with completed tasks

e. Unassigned – displays all applications with no current user delegated

f. Paused – displays all paused applications

2. Window
   This displays dynamic content, depending on the selected folder in the navigation pane

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The process consists of 4 (four) main parts: Submission, Payment, Download Result, and Revalidation.
1. Access the FDA e-Portal at https://www.fda.gov.ph
2. Login by entering the username and password of the provided CCRR User account.

3. In the HOME tab, select New case in the navigation pane to proceed to the notification form.

4. Accomplish the notification form as provided in parts by the application wizard. Fill-in the fields as completely as possible. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required to be filled-in. Mark fields with Not applicable, if not applicable.

5. An assessment slip will be generated at the end of the step.
   - Download the generated assessment slip by clicking Open.
   - To continue with your application, click Next. The application will then be placed in the Participated folder in the navigation pane.
   - The status of the application may be checked in the Participated folder as indicated by the Task column.
1. DECLARATION

Proceed with the application by selecting your response using the drop-down list and clicking Continue.

2. PARTICULARS OF THE PRODUCT

- Validity of the notification may either be 1, 2, or 3 years at the option of the applicant.
- To add variants/packaging sizes/packaging types, GTIN into the list, click New to add another line. Click Delete if you wish to delete the entry.
- Utilize the drop-down lists when selecting the Product Type and Presentation. When Others is selected, please specify using the provided space.
- To continue to the next step, click Next.
3. LOCAL COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING THE PRODUCT IN THE MARKET
   o Place the appropriate and valid LTO number of the company responsible for placing the cosmetic product in the market.
   o Select the activity of the company as per the provided LTO and fill-in the additional fields provided:
     o Distributor – Country of Manufacture, Supplier Details (if applicable), Manufacturer details
     o Trader – Manufacturer details
   o Ensure that the provided information is consistent with the current valid LTO of the company.
   o To continue to the next step, click Next.

4. DETAILS OF THE PERSON REPRESENTING THE COMPANY
   o The name and designation of the person representing the company will automatically reflect the current user.
   o To continue to the next step, click Next.

5. PRODUCT INGREDIENT LIST
   o Indicate the full ingredient list of the cosmetic product indicated in the application. The function and percentage of restricted ingredients in the formulation are required to be provided.
   o To continue to the next step, click Next.
### Information to Be Declared in the Product Notification

| **Brand Name** | The complete name of the product should be given, in the following sequence: brand name, line name (if applicable), product name, if a single shade is notified, the shade name/number (e.g. BRAND ABC PRODUCT XYZ EYSHADOW SHADE 1). If there are different shades, the shade name/number for each shade shall be declared. |
| **Product Name** | |
| **Product Variants** | |
| **Product Types** | The illustrative list (ACD Annex I) is not exhaustive and you can include other types of cosmetic products not in the list by selecting others and specifying what it is. |
| **Intended Use** | This refers to the function or use of the product and not the directions for use e.g. to moisturize the face, hand, etc. |
| **Product Presentations** | A **SINGLE PRODUCT** exists in a single presentation form. A **RANGE OF VARIANTS SIMILAR IN COMPOSITION FOR THE SAME USE BUT DIFFERS IN COLOURS, FLAVOURS ETC** is a range of cosmetic products, which are similar in composition and produced by the same manufacturer, and are intended for the same use but are available in different shades of colour (e.g. lipsticks, eye shadows or nail polish but not composite packs of different types). A **PALETTE(S) IN A RANGE OF ONE PRODUCT TYPE** refers to a range of colours as defined above, which may be presented in a series of palettes. A **COMBINATION PRODUCTS IN A SINGLE KIT** refer to similar and/or different product types packed and sold in a single kit. They cannot be sold separately (e.g. a make-up kit of eye and lip colours; a set of skin-care products sold in a single kit). Please note that components of such kits must be notified separately. |
| **Local Company Responsible for Placing the Cosmetic Product in the Market** | It refers to the local company responsible for placing the cosmetic products in the market, which may be a local manufacturer or an agent appointed by a manufacturer to market the product or the company that is responsible for bringing in the product for sale in the country, etc. |
| **Establishment Information** | It refers to the particulars of the manufacturer and/or supplier of the notified cosmetic product. |
| **Person Representing the Local Company** | It refers to the person representing the local company responsible. The e-notification program automatically reflects the account details of the applicant in this portion. |
| **Product Ingredient List** | All the ingredients in the product must be specified by using the nomenclature from the latest edition of standard references (International Cosmetic Ingredient Dictionary, British Pharmacopoeia, United States Pharmacopoeia, Chemical Abstract Services). Botanicals and extract of botanicals should be identified by its genus and species. The genus may be abbreviated. The functions and percentages of ingredients must be declared if they are substances with restrictions for use as specified in the annexes of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive. |
1. Download the generated assessment form and print copies as needed. Note the Reference Number for the payment option/s to be availed.

2. Clients may pay for their applications through the bank facilities made available by FDA. The current payment options available are through BancNet online payment (FDA Advisory No. 2015-021) and the LandBank OnColl Payment Facility (FDA Memorandum Circular No. 2013-015).
A cosmetic e-notification application may either be acknowledged or disapproved and correspondingly issued with an acknowledged notification form or letter of disapproval, respectively.

1. Download the result of application by clicking Open.
2. Click Next Step to proceed with the next task.
Acknowledged cosmetic notifications may be revalidated for a new validity date, where the new validity date will be based on the date of submission of the revalidation application.

The same process of application for cosmetic e-notification applies for revalidation. In the e-portal, the previously acknowledged case must be selected to continue with the task for Revalidation Application.

There must be no modifications from the information provided during the previous application to avail of revalidation. Hence, any changes to the information will constitute a new notification application.

In the event that the notification is desired to be cancelled, the applicant may choose to cancel the application. This option is available in the Revalidation Application Task.
1. **PAYMENT**
   Applications, after being routed by the applicant to the Cashier for payment, shall undergo payment validation.

2. **VERIFICATION**
   Once the payment has been appropriately validated, CCRR will start processing the application through verification of the information declared in the application. A recommendation for either acknowledgement or disapproval will then be provided.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
   Applications appropriately verified and possessing adequate recommendations will then be routed to the CCRR-Director for acknowledgement or disapproval. An acknowledged product notification or letter of disapproval will be made available in the Download Result task of the applicant.

4. **PIF AUDIT SCHEDULE AND PIF AUDIT**
   When a notification has been recommended for audit, it will be routed within CCRR for appropriate action.

5. **WEB POSTING**
   When an application has been acknowledged, it will also be routed to the Information Communication Technology Management Division (ICTMD) for posting on the FDA website (http://www.fda.gov.ph).
Disclaimer
This booklet is available for download at http://www.fda.gov.ph, free-of-charge. Produced for the purposes of information, this should not be taken as an exhaustive guide on Cosmetic Product Notification. It is highly recommended for the reader to refer to the FDA Issuances, and the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive, its Annexes, and its Appendices for further information. For updates on the implementation of the Cosmetic e-Notification, visit the FDA Philippines website.

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