

What are 'cosmetic' anti-dandruff and anti-acne skin-care products?

In Australia, anti-dandruff and anti-acne skin-care products are regulated as either **therapeutic goods** or **cosmetics**. AICIS regulates the chemical ingredients in non-therapeutic anti-dandruff and anti-acne skin-care products that meet the definition of a cosmetic.



Cosmetic anti-dandruff products



Cosmetic anti-dandruff products include:

- shampoos
- conditioners



They can only be advertised or presented for supply as controlling or preventing dandruff through cleansing, moisturising, exfoliating or drying the scalp.



Cosmetic anti-acne skin-care products



Cosmetic anti-acne skin-care products include:

- spot treatments
- cleansers
- face scrubs
- masks



Cosmetic anti-acne skin-care products must **not** contain any substance in Schedules 2, 3, 4 or 8 to the Poisons Standard.



They can only be advertised or presented for supply as controlling or preventing acne through cleansing, moisturising, exfoliating or drying the skin.



Examples



Shampoo with a label that says it cleanses and dries the scalp to keep it free of dandruff is considered a cosmetic.



Shampoo with a label that says it contains an anti-fungal ingredient that cures dandruff is considered a therapeutic good because it claims to cure a chronic disease.



An anti-acne face cream with a label that says it cleanses the skin and helps to prevent acne is considered a cosmetic.



An anti-acne face cream with a label that says it stops or heals acne is considered a therapeutic good because it claims to heal a chronic skin condition.

What do we mean by 'presented for supply'?

The way in which a product is presented for supply includes matters relating to the product's name, the way it's labelled or packaged, and any advertising or other informational material associated with the product.

How can I view the Poisons Standard?

You can view and download the Poisons Standard at the Australian Government's Federal Register of Legislation.

What's the definition of a cosmetic?

You can view the legal definition of a cosmetic, and many other terms, in our online glossary.



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