

# I make or import cosmetics. Do I need to register with AICIS?

**i** You register your business with us – not your products or ingredients



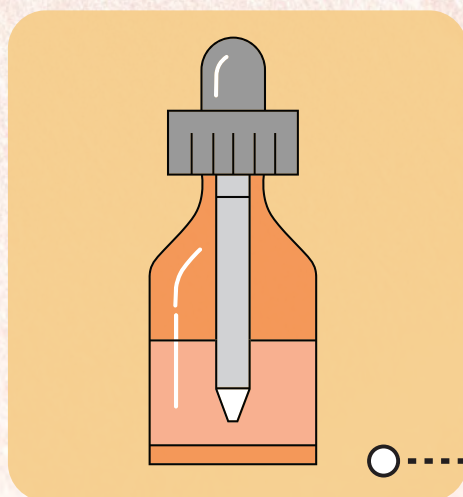
## Ready-made products

✓ **YES** you must register if you import ready-made cosmetics from overseas, unless they're for personal use. This applies even if some or all of the ingredients claim to be **natural** or **organic** (see next panel) because most cosmetics contain other ingredients that are classed as industrial chemicals.

✗ **NO** you don't need to register if you import ready-made cosmetics for your own personal use.

## But my product's natural!

Many chemical ingredients derived from natural sources are labelled **natural**, **organic**, **herbal** or **pure**. But most processes used to obtain plant extracts and aroma compounds – such as steam distillation and solvent extraction – create ingredients that no longer meet the AICIS definition of naturally occurring because their chemical composition has been changed. These ingredients are industrial chemicals, so you must be registered to import products that contain them.



## Mixing and blending

✓ **YES** you must register if you import essential oils, carrier oils, fragrance or base ingredients from overseas to mix or blend commercially with your cosmetics.

✗ **NO** you don't need to register if you use essential oils, carrier oils, fragrance or base ingredients that you bought from a local Australian shop, supplier or manufacturer to mix or blend with your cosmetics.

Once you're registered, you'll need to check that all the ingredients in your product are on our Inventory – learn more at:

<https://industrialchemicals.gov.au>



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