



Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists

Position Statement

Hand Sanitiser Regulation in Australia.

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Summary:

Given the concern with supply of hand sanitiser during the current CoVid-19 situation and the desire of increasing the number of sources/manufacturers in Australia, it is most important that any potential manufacturer be fully aware of the statutory requirements.

The primary sources of such information are Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) - www.tga.gov.au, and the National Industrial Chemicals Notification & Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) - <https://www.nicnas.gov.au>

There are several elements within those sites which have relevance.

Overview:

There are many relevant aspects from TGA and NICNAS which must be considered before contemplating manufacture/sale of products such as Hand Sanitisers. A key aspect is whether the product is/will be classified as a 'cosmetic' or 'therapeutic good'.

In the current environment you must ensure that you check current information on the NICNAS and TGA web sites.

This current information can be viewed at the following links.

See <https://www.nicnas.gov.au/cosmetics-and-soaps/hand-sanitisers>. This is NICNAS information, last updated 30 March 2020, on whether the product is considered 'Cosmetic' or 'Therapeutic Good' and has links to other information.

Check the TGA home page at <https://www.tga.gov.au/> for links to other aspects including Industry and News Room.

An example from the latter is <https://www.tga.gov.au/hand-sanitisers-and-covid-19>. - Hand sanitisers and COVID-19 Dated 29 March 2020

Some examples of other relevant information are:

- Advertising claims and hand sanitisers see the link below
<https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-update-advertising-claims-and-hand-sanitisers>
- Disinfectants, sterilants and sanitary products
<https://www.tga.gov.au/disinfectants-sterilants-and-sanitary-products>
- Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods—Hand Sanitisers) Determination 2020
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L00340>
Also read Explanatory Statement
- Non exhaustive list of potential consultants
<https://www.tga.gov.au/regulatory-affairs-consultants>

This document is based on current information (at the time of preparation) and is of general guidance only.

If you have any doubts, you must ensure that you check for the latest information on the relevant web sites and/or consult a qualified expert in the field.