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**QHSE** SOLUTIONS

# ISO 22716

# COSMETICS - GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMP)

Cosmetics Good Manufacturing Practices are a set of hands-on advice, operational rules and organizational guidelines especially focused on human, technical and administrative factors affecting product quality.

The objective of the GMP is to define the activities which lead to the final product corresponding to the expected specifications, and therefore product safety.

ISO 22716 is the standard describing the Cosmetics Good Manufacturing Practices. It has been written in collaboration with cosmetics industry professionals and promotes best-in-class methods. The scope of ISO 22716 is not only limited to production activities but also includes control, storage and expedition.

### Benefits of ISO 22716

Most companies choose to achieve ISO 22716 Certification for 'key business benefits', which include:

- Integrates the typical requirements for product and process quality Good Manufacturing Practices requirements with other Quality guidance, for example as laid down in the prerequisites for ISO 9001;
- Allows for easy implementation in organisations of all sizes and levels of complexity;
- Forms an internationally accepted basis for quality and safety compliance in the cosmetic products supply chain;
- Fosters legal compliance as adopted by regulators around the world; and
- Controls and reduces cosmetic products hazards and promotes continuous improvement throughout the supply chain.

## SO 22716 Standard

Consumers are becoming more and more concerned about the safety of the cosmetic products they are using. Fears of allergies and dermatitis caused by tainted or poisoned cosmetics have been ever-present in recent years. Certain ingredients used in cosmetics, such as fragrances and preservatives, can trigger an allergic reaction. Obviously, these ingredients play a pivotal role in the cosmetic products of our choice and correct dosing of these substances therefore is of key importance to avoid irritation of the skin through over-exposure.

Examples of over-exposure to preservatives have frequently been observed in several historic cases, one example being beauty creams that contained mercury. Beauty creams occasionally were reported to contain excess amounts of mercury, with poisoned consumers exhibiting clear toxic neurological symptoms..

The introduction of ISO 22716 marks a major step in the realisation of a globally recognised standard for cosmetic products safety. This standard was prepared by ISO Technical Committee (TC) 217 Working Group (WG) 6 between 2002 and 2006. The final document was published in November 2007.

Certification provides many tangible benefits:

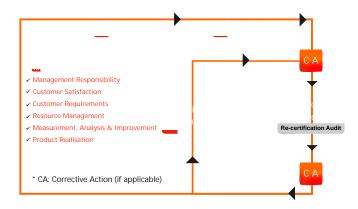
- Ensure the quality of the cosmetic products and consistency
- Demonstrate the compliance of suppliers and vendors with applicable requirements
- Identify deficiencies prior to regulatory or sponsor cosmetic inspections
- Provide periodic training according to applicable regulatory requirements

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#### Key steps in our approach are:

- Contract signature
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your systems current position against requirements of the standard;
- Initial Audit: to verify the establishment and implementation of th basic structure of your system
- Certification audit (certificate issued after successful certification audit);
- Surveillance audits to follow the continual improvement;
- Re-certification after 3 years through full audit or continual assessment.

Following each step, a factual and comprehensive report is promptly delivered allowing your company to continually improve its GMP performance.



### ISO 22716 Standard

Recognition:

QHSE Certification is accredited by IABCI-(E) for ISO 22716 certification.

### Business understanding:

Our auditors understand that the application of the standard can be quite different in small, medium and large organizations, and are trained to assess your system in a way that will be appropriate to your business. Our customers chose us because they know we're a partner they can depend on, and they continue to stay with us each year because they value the insight that their auditor gives to their business. Registration is more than a certificate; it's an opportunity to make your business better, and QHSE Certification partners with customers to ensure they receive the most from their audits.

### Combined services:

QHSE Certification offers the possibility of combined certifications to the largest range of recognized standards, bringing consistency, optimization and efficiency.



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