



## الجمعية الإسلامية لمنطقة واشنطن

### **Halal Cosmetics Guidelines and Information**

The certification body responsible for granting halal certification is ISWA Halal Certification Department. For the cosmetics and personal care products that require halal certification, the products must comply with the national standards such as FDA requirements, etc as well as Islamic Sharia Laws which ensures no pork or pork by-products as well as alcohol.

According to these standards, cosmetic products must be safe and non-hazardous to consumers. In brief, halal cosmetics are products that must not have any human parts or ingredients thereof; not contain any animal forbidden to Muslims or are not slaughtered according to Shariah law; no genetically modified organism (GMO) which are decreed as najis (najis is defined as filth, including things that are themselves not permissible such as pigs and its derivatives, blood and carrion; fluids or objects discharged from the human or animals' bodies such as urine, excrements, blood, vomit and pus); no alcohol from alcoholic drinks (khamar); no contamination from najis during preparation, processing, manufacturing and storage; and safe for consumer. It also means that the products have certain qualities that have met the requirements of consumers in terms of its usage and efficacy.

According to the guidelines, cosmetic products refer to any substance or preparation intended to be placed in contact with various external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair system, nails, lips, and external genital organs) or with teeth and mucous membranes of the oral cavity, with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance and/or correcting body odors and/or protecting them in good condition.

The concept of halal cosmetics covers all aspects of the management system. It is not only focusing on the aspect of production including sourcing of halal ingredients but all elements must be accounted for, such as manufacturing procedure, storage packaging and logistics.

All these must comply with ISWA halal standards and the standards of the World Halal Council. Hence, for halal cosmetic products, the formulation and quality of these products must totally comply with the Islamic requirements and follow the requirement. In every aspect of halal status, the Thayyiban aspect is included. Thayyiban is the highest quality aspect of halal. In fact, the Halal and Thayyiban Standard is synonymous with halal and of very high quality. Therefore, a Halal and Thayyiban cosmetic product is clean, pure, nutritious, hygienic and healthy.