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Title: Halal Certificate for cosmetics products: Challenges & Solution

Halal certified cosmetics mean products that represent something more than just the religious values; from the chemist's perspective, it can rather be said "THE TRUE GOOD COSMETICS" among the currently available options of Skincare products.

In the area of manufacturing cosmetics, the Halal standard not only meets the demand of good, healthy and safe cosmetics that people always have been looking for, it's more than that.

Often people think Halal cosmetics as special religious products having little or no connection with the modern cosmetics science, the reality is very different though. It's very scientific and does only good to the mankind.

Halal standard, specially the one prescribed by GiMDES, has forbidden using any ingredients that are/ can/might be harmful for human health.

Traditionally, there are several ingredients have been used indiscreetly in cosmetics formula that are harmful for human health like Parabens, Triclosan, Resorcinol etc.. Paraben, famous for its usage as preservative, disturbs the hormone system that leads to breast cancer as research reported. On the other hand, Triclosan, another extensively used ingredient for curing acne, has its risk of causing Hepatic Fibrosis and cancer.

These ingredients are widely used for their distinctive efficacies, but should be abandoned for their potential health risk. Hence, the challenging goal for the cosmetics experts is making products that are free from such health risks which requires exclusion of such ingredients from the formula and finding their healthy replacements with similar efficacy.

Moreover, other Haram ingredients like Lard, Carmine, ingredients originated from human etc. are also being used in cosmetics formula which should be abandoned as well.

Under these circumstances, making Halal cosmetics is not an easy task at all! It requires maintaining strict cleanliness and regulation on the overall course of making cosmetics starting from purchasing raw materials, storage, manufacturing, packaging, quality control up to the distribution and promotional activities. However, the most challenging task in this process is

configuring cosmetics formulas that meet the Halal standard since the existing scientific principles of cosmetics technologies are not much help to accomplish the task. It needs a lot of research works starting from the scratch to develop new framework of making cosmetics, reviewing existing raw materials, finding and developing replacements to the inappropriate ingredients and an overall management system.

Such tasks need long time to realize its accomplishment and the cosmetics experts are obliged to carry out this huge work for offering Halal cosmetics to the consumers.

This process is laborious and tiresome. It even is not free from the risk of failing in its way of accomplishment. However, we are hopeful to find appropriate solution to this challenging task. Because we know that all unsolved issues are assumed challenging only till their solutions are found. Our decade long research work and the achieved progress motivate us to move forward and accomplish the rest.
