

ISO 22716

BS ISO 22716:2007 Cosmetics - Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

What is ISO 22716?

ISO 22716 gives quality and safety guidelines for the production, control, storage and shipment of cosmetic products.

The standard specifies requirements for a quality management system specifically for the cosmetics industry. Incorporating a risk assessment based approach, ISO 22716 helps to define effective risk and quality management, thus ensuring high quality and lower risk supply chain operations.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published ISO 22716 to deal with all aspects of the supply chain of cosmetic products, from the early delivery of raw materials and components until the shipment of the final product to the consumer. As a business improvement tool ISO 22716 is complimentary to ISO 9001 and can be used as a vehicle to drive continuous improvement.

The guidelines provide cosmetics organisations with a framework to manage the key aspects of business operations including human, technical, and administrative that affect the quality and safety of products.

Why is ISO 22716 so important?

The introduction of ISO 22716 pioneers a globally recognised quality and safety standard for cosmetic products. An increasing number of cosmetics organisations are implementing ISO 22716 to comply with the new European cosmetics regulations which came into effect in 2013.

Replacing the existing EC Cosmetics Directive (76/768/EEC) from July 2013, the new Cosmetic Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009 aims to streamline and modernise the legislation currently in place for cosmetics and personal care products across Europe. It has been recommended that compliance to ISO 22716 will assist with the compliance of this legal requirement.

ISO 22716 is effectively replacing existing guidance and standards, and as such regulators in several countries and regions have adopted this standard. Certification to such a standard will demonstrate to stakeholders a commitment to high standards of quality and safety.

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What are the benefits of achieving certification?

- Demonstrates credibility, trust and confidence to stakeholders.
- Enables organisations to meet global consumer demand for cosmetic product quality and safety certification.
- Supports compliance to the legally enforceable Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009 which represents a common European code of law for cosmetics companies.
- Business improvement tool to continuously improve business operations.
- Effective framework for risk management principles and practices.

How can Blackmores assist your journey to certification?

We can provide as much or as little assistance as you wish.

The following are some examples of how we can support you:-

- Conduct a Gap Analysis to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your business operations in line with ISO 22716, thus making recommendations on how to comply with the standard to achieve certification.
- Identify, document and implement your operational and risk management policies, procedures and templates i.e. complaints and recalls, change control.
- Provide training on ISO 22716 and your Quality Management System.
- Identify, document and Implement legislative requirements.
- Conduct risk assessments and internal quality assurance audits to support compliance.

Who does the standard apply to?

- Manufacturers of cosmetic products and suppliers of cosmetic ingredients.
- Retailers, brand holders and wholesalers of cosmetic products.
- Those responsible for packaging, testing, storage, and transportation of cosmetic finished products.