URBAN BEAUTY BRAND

LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR COSMETICS

AN ULTIMATE CHECKLIST FOR BEAUTY ENTREPRENEURS

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These checklists ensure cosmetic product packaging complies with EU/UK regulations for key labeling elements. Use them as a guide for ensuring all necessary information is present and accurate on your product packaging.

For Regular-Size ((> 5 g or > 5 ml) and Single Packaging

MAIN EDITORIAL REQUIREMENTS

- All label text and elements are clear, easy to read, and non-erasable.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON (RP) INFORMATION

- Name or Registered Name of the Responsible Person (RP) is provided.
- Address of the RP is listed and clearly identified.
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- Function of the product is indicated (unless self-explanatory).
- Written in the language required by the laws of the Member State where the product will be sold.

PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

- Warnings regarding use are listed (especially for professional use products).
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BATCH/LOT NUMBER

- Batch, Lot number, or any reference number that enables recognition of the production series is provided.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- The phrase "Made in ..." is used for cosmetic products imported to the EU/UK or produced outside the EU/UK.

INGREDIENTS LIST

- Preceded by the word "Ingredients:".
- All ingredients listed using INCI nomenclature (verify using CoSing database).
- The list follows the correct order based on the QQ file and includes all ingredients.

EXPIRY DATE

- Expiry date is indicated for products with durability under 30 months.
- Expiry date is marked with the “hourglass” symbol or the phrase “best used before the end of...”.
- “best used before the end of...” is written in the language required by the laws of the Member State where the product will be sold.
- Expiry date format: Month/Year (MMYY or MMYYYY) or Day/Month/Year (DDMMYYYY or DDMMYY).
- Not mandatory for products with durability over 30 months.
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PERIOD AFTER OPENING (PAO)

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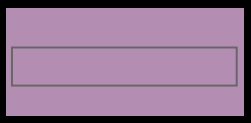

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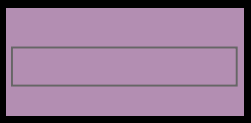

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- Not required for free samples or single-use products.

THE OPEN BOOK SYMBOL

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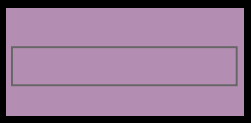

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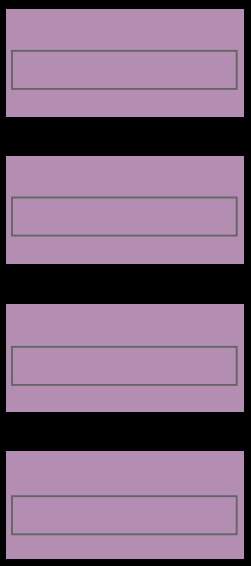

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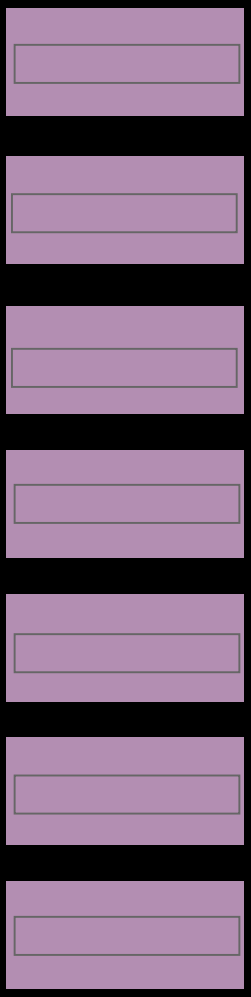

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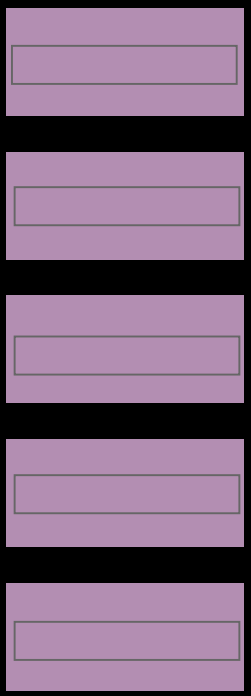

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Based on:

Regulation (Ec) No 1223/2009 Of The European Parliament And Of The Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products

Council Directive 76/211/EEC of 20 January 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making-up by weight or by volume of certain prepackaged products (OJ L 46, 21.2.1976, p. 1)

Commission Directive 78/891/EEC of 28 September 1978 adapting to technical progress the Annexes to Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 76/211/EEC on pre-packaging (OJ L 311 , 04/11/1978, p. 21)

Directive 2007/45/EC of the European Parliament & of the Council of 5 September 2007 laying down rules on nominal quantities for prepacked products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC (OJ L 247, 21.9.2007, p.17)

EN ISO 29621:2010 Cosmetics – Microbiology – Guidelines for the risk assessment and identification of microbiologically low-risk product

WHO IS BEHIND THIS?

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Dr Paula Walencik - former scientist, chemist with a PhD degree and a great enthusiast of the beauty industry.

After a decade spent working in chemical labs I decided to dedicate my career to the magnetic world of beauty products.

Currently working as Regulatory Affairs Expert and helping cosmetics brands to navigate across the regulatory environment.

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