

COSMETICS AND DEODORANTS (11)

TOPIC: SAFETY, QUALITY AND REGULATORY CONTROL OF COSMETICS AND DEODORANTS

Introduction; it is of great importance that one knows and understand the appropriate guideline for the usage of cosmetics and deodorants. These are some of the safety measures to be carried out in using and manufacturing of cosmetics and deodorants.

1. Laundry soaps can harm the skin if it is used as toilet soap.
2. Improper application and over application of cosmetics can make one lose self-respect because it will be unpleasant to the eyes.
3. Improper disposal of empty containers of cosmetics and deodorants can lead to environmental hazard.
4. Body cream that contains hydroquinone, steroids and mercury iodine can bleach the skin and cause cancer, so should be avoided.
5. Liquid waste, e.g. caustic soda from cosmetic industries pollutes our rivers and streams.
6. Cosmetic products should be properly labeled.
7. Gases from cosmetic industries deplete the ozone layer, making the heat from the sun to be too intensive.
8. Visit the market and stores at regular intervals to detect fake products.

ROLES OF REGULATORY BODIES IN THE CONTROL OF COSMETICS AND DEODORANTS

Regulatory bodies such as **NAFDAC, SON, etc.**, were established to enlighten consumers on the danger of buying fake products as well as preventing manufacturers from producing contaminated or fake goods.

The regulatory bodies of cosmetics include:

1. **NAFDAC:** National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control.
2. **SON:** Standard Organisation of Nigeria.

Functions of Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON)

- I. To ensure that every production maintained its use.
- II. To stop the selling of adulterated cosmetics and deodorants.
- III. To check false advertising of cosmetics and deodorants.
- IV. To ensure that the standard of cosmetics and deodorants is maintained.

Functions of NAFDAC

- I. Controlling the manufacture, exportation, advertisement, distribution and sales of cosmetics.
- II. To check illicit and counterfeit products.

- III. Conduct appropriate test and ensure compliance with standard specifications, designated and approved by the council.
- IV. Undertake appropriate investigation into production premises and raw materials.
- V. Compile standard specification regulations and guides for the product.

HOME WORK

- 1. State the role of regulatory bodies in the control of cosmetics and deodorants.
- 2. State the meaning of cosmetics and Deodorants.
- 3. NAFDAC means _____