

DOES FDA REGULATE YOUR COSMETIC AS A DRUG?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates cosmetics as drugs if they are:

intended to diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease

OR

intended to affect the structure or any function of the body

Common examples of cosmetics regulated as drugs:



Sun Protection Factor (SPF) indicates intention to **prevent** sunburn.

Antiperspirants **prevent** sweating by **affecting** the sweat glands.



Toothpaste containing fluoride intends to **prevent** tooth decay.

Anti-Dandruff shampoo intends to **treat** and **prevent** dandruff.



Acne-clearing face washes intend to **treat** acne by **affecting** pores.

Think your cosmetic might be a drug?

Contact Registrar Corp for help with FDA drug requirements.

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