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**REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY ACTIVE OR POTENTIALLY
ACTIVE DEPIGMENTING INGREDIENT, LEAD AND ITS SALTS, MERCURY AND ITS
SALTS AND THE COSMETIC CATEGORY SKIN BLEACHER, SKIN LIGHTENER OR
SKIN WHITENER**

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The Minister of National Health and Population Development has, in terms of section 15(1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), made the regulations set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations **“the Act”** shall mean the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall, unless inconsistent with the context, bear such meaning.

Prohibition of certain cosmetics

2. (1) For the purposes of section 2(1)(a)(i) of the Act, in so far as it is applied and applicable to cosmetics, the following substances are hereby prohibited:
 - (a) Lead and its salts and mercury and its salts;
 - (b) [“hydroquinone” deleted by R.1861] monobenzyl ether (p-hydroxyphenyl benzyl ether or monobenzene) and any other active or potentially active depigmenting ingredient.
- (2) For the purposes of section 2(1)(a)(iv) of the Act the following cosmetics are hereby prohibited:
 - (a) Cosmetics generally known as “Blue Butter”, “Blue Ointment” or “Blou Botter”;
 - (b) any cosmetic purporting to be a skin bleacher, skin lightener or skin whitener.

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3. Regulation 2 shall not be construed so as to prohibit the sale, manufacture or import for sale of the following:
 - (a) any eye make-up to which has been added, solely as a preservative, thiomersal (BP) or phenyl mercuric acetate calculated as the metal, singly but not in combination, not in excess of 65mg/kg;
 - (b) concentrated shampoo or cream to which has been added thiomersal (BP) or phenyl mercuric acetate, calculated as the metal, not in excess of 30mg/kg.

Commencement

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Withdrawal

5. The regulations published under Government Notice No. R.2083 of 23 September 1983 shall remain in force until these regulations come into operation.