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Standards**

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# Cosmetics Updated Standards

A Kenyan Standard is a document established by consensus and approved by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for products and services and related processes or production methods, aimed at the achievement of the optimum degree of order in a given context.

Cosmetics Standards are prepared through Technical Committees, that consist of a range of experts. KEBS is the secretariat to the Technical Committee on Cosmetics products - KEBS TC 163.

Currently there are 135 Kenya Standards covering cosmetics and cosmetic products, distributed as follows:

- Product Standard Specifications – 30
- Raw Material Standards – 39
- Methods of sampling and test – 66

## CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT:

The Chemical Department is responsible for the development of Cosmetic standards and others covering soaps, detergents, paints, pesticides, stationery and related equipment and all products based on chemical formulations.

## The Cosmetic Product Standards generally give specifications as follows;

- General requirements e.g. raw material requirements
- Chemical requirements e.g. pH, stability
- Heavy metal limits
- Microbiological limits

## Cosmetic Standards available online - KEBS Webstore

- KEBS Webstore is accessible through URL KEBS homepage <https://www.kebs.org> by clicking on the link “Online Services”, then “Buy Kenya standards” then follow these easy steps;

### Registration

- Click on My Account, then Register, fill in the required details
- Read and agree to the privacy policy and click on Continue

### Search

- Select a standard by either product name e.g. Coconut oil for cosmetic industry or KS EAS 65:2017

### Shopping cart

- Add standard(s) into the shopping cart (basket)
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- Select the preferred payment option (e.g. Mpesa, Visa/Master card etc) and follow the instructions provided to complete the transaction

### Download

- Download the standard(s) from your account by clicking "downloads" tab

## Product Certification - Smark Application Requirements

- Fill out the application form STA/1 or STA /3 (it is available on the KEBS website)
- Company Certificate of registration.
- Filled up STA 10 form.
- Payment as per the category.
- Visit to the factory by a KEBS officer.
- Assessment.
- Sign a scheme of supervision.
- Sampling/ testing.
- Issuance of permit to use Mark.

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