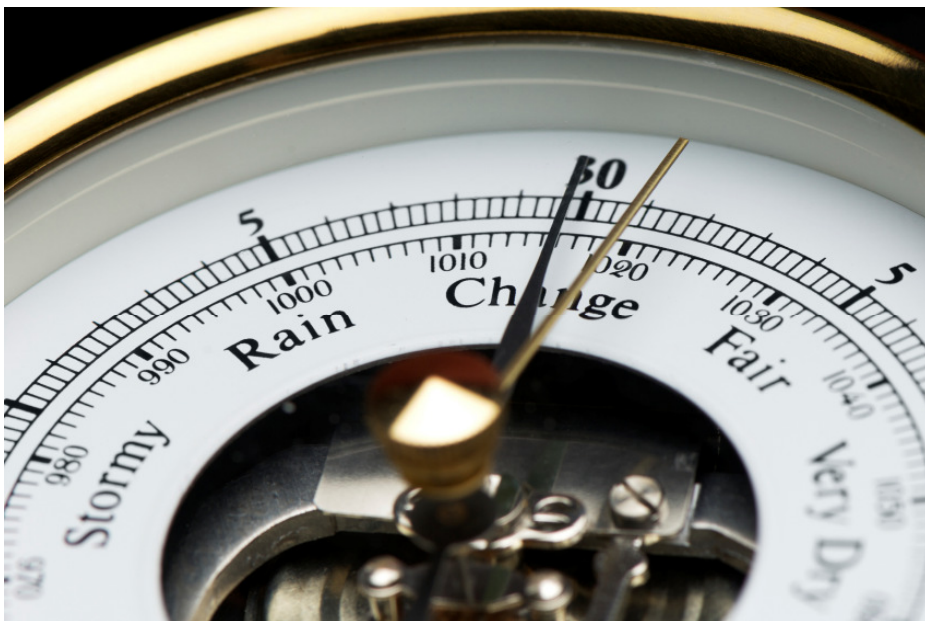


NEW MANDATORY LEGAL REGULATIONS FOR THE TRADERS OF FOOD AND COSMETIC PRODUCTS



Order no. 5/2010 issued by the National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority

It is important to be signaled the appearance of this order issued by the National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority regarding the information of the consumers in respect with the products and services subject to the sanitary-veterinary and food safety control, sold by the legal or natural persons ("Merchants"). According to this order, the Merchants must display in a visible place, namely at the store's entrance as well as next to the electronic cash registers placed in the sale area, the toll free hotline no.: 0800.826.787 - for the submission of petitions/complaints, as well as the telephone/fax, mail addresses, and the e-mail

addresses of the sanitary-veterinary and food safety directions of the counties, respectively of Bucharest, in whose territory the Merchants are located.

That toll free number together with the other coordinates of the Authority will be written on a board whose model is established by this order and will contain also the address of the official website of the National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority: www.ansva.ro.

Furthermore, the natural/legal persons owning e-commerce sites and offering products and services subject to the sanitary-veterinary and food safety control are obligated to present on the first page of their own website (home page) a link to the address of the official website

Dear Readers,

On March 4, 2010 entered into force the Order No.5/2010 issued by the National Sanitary-Veterinary authority for the Food Safety in order to ensure better the information of the consumers in connection with the products and services which are sold by the legal/natural persons ("Merchants"). For the purpose of facilitating the claiming process which is usually initiated by the consumers, the Merchants must post in visible places the "toll free hotline" of the respective authority accompanied by the mail address, phone/fax and email addresses.



By this newsletter we would like to draw your attention to the new mandatory legal regulations for the traders of food and cosmetic products, which are to ensure protection for consumer.

Enjoy reading our News.

Yours Cristina Stamboli

of the National-Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority: www.ansva.ro.

The order entered into force on 4.03.2010.

Sanctions

The non-observance of these provisions represents a contravention and is sanctioned according to the Government Order no. 21/1992 regarding the consumer protection by fine from RON 1,000 to RON 10,000.

Government Ordinance no 2/2010 for the amendment of the Law no. 178/2000 regarding the cosmetic products

According to this Government ordinance, the use in the cosmetic products of the substances classified as being cancer-causing, mutagen on the embryonic cells or toxic for reproduction from the categories 1A, 1B and 2 in accordance to 3rd part of Annex VI to the Regulation EC no. 1272/2008 of the European Parliament on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures, is forbidden. This normative deed amends par. 3 of art. 14 of the Law no. 178/2000 regarding the cosmetic products, as follows:

"without causing prejudices to the protection of the trade secret and the intellectual property, the producer, the authorized representative, the beneficiary of the manufacture of the cosmetic product or the person responsible for the entering on the market of an important cosmetic product will ensure that the information stipulated under par. (1) letters a) and g) is available to the public in any format, including the electronic one. The information referring to the quantity composition stipulated under par. (1) letter a) will be limited to the substances fulfilling the criteria for any of the following danger classes or categories provided for in Annex I to the Regulation EC no. 1272/2008:

a) the danger classes 2.1-2.4, 2.6 and 2.7, 2.8 types A and B, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.13 categories 1 and 2, 2.14 categories 1 and 2, 2.15 types A-F;

b) the danger classes 3.1-3.6, 3.7 adverse effects on the sexual function and fertility and development, 3.8 – other effects than the narcotic ones, 3.9 and 3.10;

c) the danger class 4.1;

d) the danger class 5.1."

The above mentioned provisions enter into force on 1st June 2010.

Taking into account the facts mentioned above, as far as your company has the quality as producer, authorized representative, beneficiary of the manufacture of the cosmetic product or person responsible for the introduction on the market of an important cosmetic product, it has to be aware of these mandatory provisions for the labeling of the cosmetic products.

Sanctions

The breach of these provisions represents a contravention and is sanctioned by fines amounting between RON 1,000 – RON 2,000 RON. Moreover if the respective product which is in compliance with the legal provisions represents however a health danger, the sale of that product can be temporarily forbidden.

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