

UAE Cosmetic Product Compliance Checklist

Pre-Launch & Post-Launch Checks for Products Positioned as “Cosmeceuticals”

How to use this checklist: Use it as a working reference during product development, regulatory review, launch preparation and post-market maintenance. Requirements can vary by product classification and emirate, so confirm the current requirements with the relevant UAE authority or qualified regulatory specialist before a specific filing.

Regulatory Map at a Glance

Area	Key consideration
Product classification	Assess composition, intended use, presentation and claims before finalising the product route.
Cosmetic technical framework	Check applicable GSO requirements, including GSO 1943:2024 and cosmetic claims requirements under GSO 2528:2024.
Federal conformity	Address applicable MolAT / ECAS conformity requirements for regulated cosmetic products.
Emirate-level requirements	Confirm local registration and market-control requirements, such as Dubai Municipality's Montaji system where applicable.
Medical-product route	Where the product falls within the medical-product framework, confirm the appropriate EDE classification and authorization pathway.

1. Pre-Launch Compliance Checklist

Use this section to identify regulatory and technical issues before commercial launch, when formulation, claims, artwork and documentation can still be changed efficiently.

Check	Compliance task	Priority	Status / Notes
■	Document product classification and intended use.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Review the formulation against applicable GSO 1943:2024 requirements.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Assess prohibited and restricted substances.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Complete applicable laboratory testing through an appropriate accredited laboratory.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Compile product safety and technical documentation.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Review primary and secondary claims against GSO 2528:2024.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Ensure product claim substantiation is traceable to the finished product.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Confirm Arabic and English claims communicate the same meaning.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Address applicable MoIAT / ECAS conformity requirements.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Check emirate-specific registration requirements, such as Dubai Municipality Montaji where applicable.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Escalate therapeutic or medicated positioning for appropriate classification assessment.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Confirm the appropriate EDE pathway where medical-product authorization applies.	Medium	■ Yes ■ No _____

2. Post-Launch Compliance Checklist

Compliance continues after registration. Use this section for periodic reviews covering certificates, registrations, technical files, formulation changes, claims, complaints and regulatory updates.

Check	Compliance task	Priority	Status / Notes
■	Monitor MoIAT / ECAS certificate validity and applicable renewal or re-certification requirements.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Maintain emirate-level registrations according to applicable renewal cycles.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Keep the product safety dossier and technical file current.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Re-check the formula against current applicable GSO prohibited and restricted substance requirements when the framework changes.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Log and investigate consumer complaints, undesirable effects and relevant safety concerns.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Re-review new marketing, advertising and campaign claims against the product's regulatory positioning.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Re-assess formulation, supplier or artwork changes before implementation.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Monitor applicable market-surveillance requirements and respond to identified non-compliance.	High	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Maintain batch traceability and a documented recall/corrective-action procedure.	Medium	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Re-verify labelling and claims when entering a new market or changing packaging.	Medium	■ Yes ■ No _____
■	Confirm the appropriate EDE pathway if product positioning later moves toward medical-product claims.	Medium	■ Yes ■ No _____

B2B Regulatory Takeaway

UAE cosmetic compliance is not simply a registration exercise. Classification, formulation, evidence, claims, labelling, conformity assessment and market registration should remain aligned throughout the product lifecycle. A product marketed as a “cosmeceutical” does not receive a regulatory middle ground; its applicable pathway depends on the characteristics, intended use and claims of the actual product.

Need Technical Support?

Food Research Lab supports **cosmeceutical product development** through formulation development, stability studies, analytical testing, technical documentation and claims-substantiation support, helping businesses align product performance with defined technical and regulatory requirements.

Important: This checklist is a practical general reference, not a substitute for product-specific regulatory advice. UAE requirements can vary according to classification, product type, emirate and applicable regulatory updates. Confirm current requirements with the relevant authority or a qualified UAE regulatory specialist before filing or launch.