

# Notification Form Summary: Interim Policy on Lead in Cosmetics



For reference only. Please submit your notification to Washington State Department of Ecology using the [online form](#).<sup>1</sup>

## Background

Washington State's Toxic-Free Cosmetics Act ([Chapter 70A.560 RCW](#))<sup>2</sup> restricts lead in cosmetic products to less than 1 parts per million (ppm). The restriction takes effect January 1, 2025. After feedback from cosmetics manufacturers, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has learned that a strict 1 ppm limit for lead can be difficult, or impossible, for some cosmetic products to achieve. Ecology needs more information to make a final determination about an appropriate level for allowed lead contamination.

Ecology issued an [Interim Policy on Lead in Cosmetics](#)<sup>3</sup> to give manufacturers more time to comply with the statutory lead restriction and to give the agency more time to collect information about its feasibility. The interim policy provides manufacturers with alternative paths to compliance for products that are unable to consistently achieve lead concentrations below 1 ppm but still requires manufacturers to work to reduce lead levels in products as much as possible.

This interim policy is effective while Ecology conducts rulemaking to identify a feasible approach to regulating lead in cosmetics, including potentially adopting new limits for lead impurities in cosmetic products sold in Washington. The policy includes guidance on lead testing for those manufacturers selecting Option 2 for some or all of their cosmetic products.

On January 15, 2025, we published an [updated interim policy](#) to clarify that while manufacturers must notify Ecology of their decision to meet the conditions of the policy, they don't need to submit a written plan of how they'll do so. We didn't change any conditions in the policy.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLoFfcwSfXLTx5Y\\_gnhXtCktiQla\\_sF45UNIJESkxSSDdPM1ZSR080TFg0VDFPTUIJWC4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLoFfcwSfXLTx5Y_gnhXtCktiQla_sF45UNIJESkxSSDdPM1ZSR080TFg0VDFPTUIJWC4u&route=shorturl)

<sup>2</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.560>

<sup>3</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2404036.html>

## ADA accessibility

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## Contact information

For questions or assistance with the Lead in Cosmetics Interim Compliance Policy Notification Form contact:

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## Eligibility and Requirements

Manufacturers of cosmetics products sold in Washington can use the Interim Policy on Lead in Cosmetics. "Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint venture that produces a product or is an importer or domestic distributor of a product sold or offered for sale in or into the state.

Manufacturers that choose to use the interim policy must complete the form below to notify Ecology about their use of the policy by February 1, 2025. Manufacturers that do not submit a form must comply with the statutory lead limit of less than 1 ppm.

Manufacturers that select Option 2 in the Color Cosmetics and Clay Masks section must monitor lead levels, retain lead concentration data, and submit the list of products and data to Ecology upon request for all products with lead concentrations above 5 ppm and below 10 ppm.

Manufacturers may submit an amended notification if the responses in the original notification form submitted to Ecology have changed. Amended notifications must be submitted within 10 business days of a change in the status of the compliance options being used.

Manufacturer's responses to this form will be posted publicly online so that other organizations can verify compliance with the interim policy.

## Notification Form

### Submission

Is this your organization's initial submission, or an amended submission?

☐ Original notification submission

☐ Amended notification submission

### Contact Information

Organization Name:

Primary Contact:

Name

Email address

Phone Number

Secondary Contact:

Name

Email address

Phone Number

## Policy Selections

### General Cosmetics

Select the option that best describes your organization's use of the [Interim Policy on Lead in Cosmetics](#)<sup>4</sup> for general cosmetics.

[Check box] Option 1 for some or all general cosmetic products

[Check box] Our organization is not using this policy for general cosmetic products

[Check box] Our organization does not produce, import, or distribute general cosmetic products in Washington state.

### Color Cosmetics and Clay Masks

Please select the option that best describes your organization's use of the [Interim Policy on Lead in Cosmetics](#) for color cosmetics and clay masks. If you select Option 2, you must monitor lead levels, retain lead concentration data, and submit the list of products and data to Ecology upon request for all color cosmetics and clay mask products with lead concentrations above 5 ppm and below 10 ppm.

[Check box] Option 1 for all color cosmetics and clay masks.

[Check box] Option 2 for some or all color cosmetics and clay masks.

[Check box] Our organization is not using this policy for color cosmetics or clay masks.

[Check box] Our organization does not produce, import, or distribute color cosmetics or clay masks in Washington state.

### Attestation

[check box] I attest that the information shared in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I have the authority to submit this form on behalf of my organization.

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