

REQUIREMENTS FOR TATTOOING PRODUCTS AND PIERCING DECORATIONS

SCOPE

Specific requirements for tattooing products and piercing decorations to protect consumer health

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No. 182, adopted April 14, 2015 "[Regulation Regarding Hygiene Requirements for the Provision of Tattooing and Piercing Services and Special Requirements for the Tattooing Products](#)"

PRIOR AUTHORISATION

Goods are subject to requirements when placing tattooing products on the market and for control when tattooing and piercing services are provided. Competent authority responsible for control of safe piercing decorations (Article 14 of Regulations No. 182) is Consumer Rights Protection Centre (consumer helpline: +371 65452554, e-mail: pasts@ptac.gov.lv) and the State limited liability company "Latvijas Proves birojs".

Competent authority responsible for control of safe tattooing products and safe tattooing and piercing services conforming to the requirements of Regulation No.182 is Health Inspectorate (consumer helpline: +371 67081600, e-mail: vi@vi.gov.lv).

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

1. Decorations to be used for piercing shall be made of materials, which do not cause allergy and which are safe for human health.
2. Tattooing products shall be placed on the market, made available on the market or used for the provision of services, if information on quality contents is available.
3. Tattooing products shall be sterile. If tattooing products are intended for multiple use, they shall be packed in suitable container, which prevents contamination of the tattooing products.
4. Only tattooing products, the marking of which contains the following information, shall be allowed to be placed on the market, made available on the market or used for the provision of services:
 - 4.1. type of use of the tattooing product;
 - 4.1. name and address of the manufacturer and the person, who is responsible for the placing of the tattooing product on the market;
 - 4.2. minimum validity period of the tattooing product. Month and year or day, month and year shall be indicated;
 - 4.3. list of ingredients of the tattooing product, indicating the conventional (trivial) name of the chemical substance or the name according to the nomenclature of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) or other internationally recognised nomenclature, including name in the International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI) or the colorant index (CI) number;
 - 4.5. batch number, code of the tattooing product or other signs, which allow for identification of the batch of the tattooing product;
 - 4.6. conditions of use and warnings of the tattooing product;
 - 4.7. indication on sterility.
5. If necessary, labelling of the tattooing product shall include storage arrangements to be complied with for the tattooing product to retain its specific properties and functions within the set minimum validity term.
6. If, due to practical reasons, information referred to in Sub-paragraphs 4.3. and 4.6 above may not be indicated on the packaging, such information shall be included into the annotation, card, ribbon or label attached to the tattooing product.