

## Regulatory intelligence report – BSTI (Cosmetics)

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATION

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| <b>BSTI</b> | Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution |
| <b>Mol</b>  | Ministry of Industries                       |
| <b>BDS</b>  | Bangladesh standard                          |
| <b>PCR</b>  | Packaging & Commodities Rules                |
| <b>DGDA</b> | Directorate General of Drug Administration   |
| <b>PM</b>   | Packaging Material                           |

### INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) is a government agency under the Ministry of Industries (Mol) constituted for the purpose of controlling the standard of service and quality of the goods. The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) was established by the Government through an Ordinance passed in July 1985.

BSTI is responsible for the quality control of the products which are ensured as per specific national standards made by the technical committees formed by BSTI. BSTI is also responsible for the implementation of the metric system and to oversee the accuracy of weights and measures in the country.

## **GOVERNING BODY/ REGULATION**

BSTI brought 324 Products under Mandatory Certification Marks Wing. Cosmetics and consumer goods must be registered in BSTI for import and manufacture.

Among the 324 Products under Mandatory Certification Marks Wing, 55 Products brought under mandatory certification before Customs clearance. Rest of the products require to take certification/release letter after importation.

Please, check the list of 324 products in **Annex-I**

Please, check List of mandatory Imported Products before Customs clearance- **Annex-II**

### **Governing Legislations**

- Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Ordinance, 1985
- Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Act, 2018
- Packaging & Commodities Rules, 2007

### **Query from Sterillium:**

#### **Hand sanitizer:**

Each 100gm contains:

2-Propanol 45.0 gms

1-Propanol 35.0 gms

Mecetronium Ethyl sulfate 0.2 gms

#### **a. Do these products require registration? If yes, what is the required documentation?**

#### **Answer:**

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Among the List of 324 Products under Mandatory Certification Marks Wing 55 Products brought under mandatory certification before Customs clearance. Rest of the products require to take certification/release letter after importation.

**BSTI:**

Hand sanitizers/hand rubs (Isopropyl alcohol based) are considered as Cosmetics in BSTI.

As per the BDS 1980:2020 (BSTI BDS-Books), your importer will claim these products as cosmetics under 324 mandatory product list.

### **PREREQUISITE FOR IMPORT (Local importer must have the following documents)**

- Valid Trade License
- Valid TIN Certificate
- Valid VAT Certificate/BIN
- Import Registration Certificate (IRC)
- Current Bank account

### **IMPORT REGISTRATION**

BSTI issue release letter for imported products which 55 products brought under mandatory certification before Customs clearance. Importer will take certification from BSTI after importation other than 55 products. When importer get release letter for mandatory imported products they will get a BDS number from BSTI or other than 55 mandatory product importer will submit to BSTI and BSTI will issue a certificate/release letter with BDS number. After getting the release letter for imported products importer will stick/put the BSTI logo and BDS number on his product. BSTI provide consignment to consignment basis release letter and certificate for imported products.

Please check **Annex-IV** for the sample.

### **SHIPMENT**

#### **DOCUMENTS required by Bangladesh Customs:**

- Application in the Importers Pad
- BIN Certificate
- Packing List
- Import Registration Certificate (IRC)
- Letter of Credit (L/C)
- Bill of Lading (B/L)
- Invoice
- Valid Trade License
- Valid TIN Certificate
- Documents for Country of Origin of the product

### **PRODUCT SAMPLING**

Two sets of samples from each batch are collected on a random basis, which is sealed with the joint signature of the inspection officer and the representative of the applicant. Both the samples are kept in the custody of the applicant who is advised to submit one set of the samples to the BSTI lab and the other to keep with him as a reference sample.

### **BSTI SERVICE DELIVERY PROCEDURE**

1. Scrutinize the received application, moved for relevant port/warehouse for inspection
2. Sealed the sample with joint signature and issuing sample submission letter
3. Submission of sealed sample to the laboratory
4. Examination sample to the laboratory and reporting
5. Evaluation of inspection and test report and take final approval
6. Issuing bill
7. Payment of bill by the applicant (0.10% Govt. fees on PI value)
8. Issuing Release Letter

**N.B: 15% VAT is applicable on all Govt. fees.**

### **PRODUCT PM REGISTRATION (LABEL)**

BSTI issue a PM registration letter/certificate for imported products also. Without this PM registration letter/certificate importer are not able to sell this product in market. After getting release from custom, stored released product to importer warehouse then importer have to apply BSTI for PM registration. For PM registration (label) there are definite application form (**Annex-V**) for apply to BSTI. After submit application, authority will scrutinize application with PM label sample (you have to submit with this application) then give the importer an approval of PM registration (label) where included information like, **product name, Mfg. & Exp. date, packaging date, price, product shape**. After getting this PM registration certificate (label) importer will be able to sell this product to local market.

### **DOCUMENTS required for PM registration (label):**

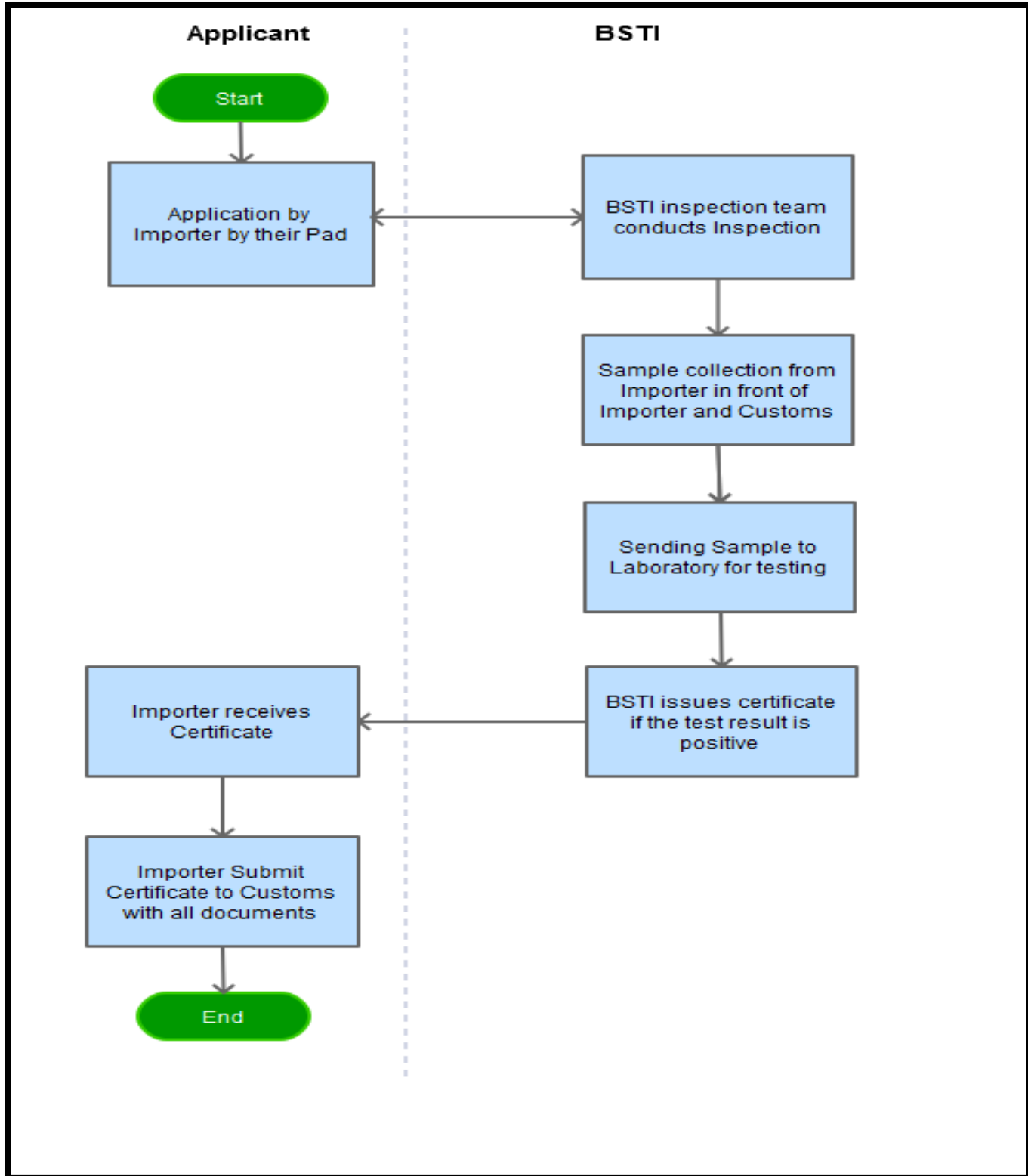
- Application form - see **Annex-V** (fee 500 BDT/application)
- Valid trade license
- NID of importer
- Import Registration Certificate (IRC)
- Valid TIN Certificate
- Sample of label (5 pcs)
- BSTI will pick highest 32 pcs sample from importer warehouse (fee 1000 BDT/strength)
- PM registration fee 5000 BDT/product

**N.B: 15% VAT is applicable on all Govt. fees.**

**Recommendation by RA Solutions BD:**

Importer should claim these products as cosmetics and 70% alcohol-based sanitizer to get BSTI Clearance after import. Then no need DGDA registration.





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