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Industry Bulletin – Lash/Brow Tinting

It has come to the attention of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) that the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) maintains that there are no approved tints (including vegetable tints) or lash/brow tints that retain their approval for distribution in the United States of America. The FDA has issued an Import Alert as a means to intercept products intended for tinting lashes and brows.

Based on these findings and according to Title 16, Division 9, Section 989 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board may issue a citation and fine if tinting products are found.

Section 989 reads as follows :

§ 989. Prohibited Hazardous Substances/Use of Products

No establishment or school shall:

- (a) Have on the premises cosmetic products containing hazardous substances banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in cosmetic products.
- (b) Have on the premises methyl methacrylate monomer and/or methylene chloride.
- (c) Use a product in a manner that is disapproved by the FDA, Occupational Safety and Health Administration or EPA.

Note: Authority cited: Section 7312, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 7312(e), Business and Professions Code.

You can access FDA Eye Cosmetic Safety information at :

<http://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/ProductsIngredients/Products/ucm137241.htm>