SPCP Supplier Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR PIGMENT/INK MANUFACTURERS

Note: SPCP Trainer Members must train with (or sell to students) pigments/inks that meet these guidelines.

1. **Formulation of Pigments/Inks:**
- Because laws are subject to change, it is the responsibility of all SPCP member pigment/ink manufacturers, supplier members, and trainer members to understand and abide by the laws specific to tattoo pigments in the regions where these products are sold and/or used for training purposes.
2. **Safety Data Sheets:**
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must be made available.
3. **Pigment/Ink Bacteria, Mold, Yeast, and Fungus Retardant Ingredient:**
- Pigment ingredients shall include a process or an ingredient that is known to retard the growth of bacteria, mold, yeast, and fungus.
4. **Pigment/Ink Container Labeling:**
- Pigment/ink container labeling shall, at a minimum, state: "For Professional Use Only," and include the lot number, expiration date, and contact information and must conform to regulatory requirements.
5. **Patch/Spot/Pigment Test/Scratch Test:**
- If a manufacturer requires, suggests, or recommends a patch/spot pigment test/scratch test be performed, the manufacturer or distributor of that pigment/ink shall, upon request, provide detailed instructions in written format as to how to perform the testing procedure properly and how to determine the outcome.
6. **Pigment/Ink Ingredient Full Disclosure:**
- Full disclosure of all pigment/ink ingredients shall be provided on at least one of the following documents:
    1. The Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
    2. The Pigment/ink Label
    3. A Pigment/ink Full Disclosure List provided upon request

GUIDELINES FOR ANESTHETIC MANUFACTURERS

Anesthetics sold by supplier members or vendors cannot be prepared by compounding pharmacies, but rather must be sold to the supplier member or vendor by FDA Manufacturers.

This applies to ALL sales as an SPCP supplier member. Hand or pharmacy formulated anesthetics may NOT be sold by SPCP suppliers.

Explanation and Implementation: Whenever a pharmacy compounds a formula, even at over-the-counter levels, it is considered a prescription drug and cannot be dispensed without a prescription. Also, compounding pharmacies do not fall under FDA scrutiny. This lack of scrutiny has been linked to two deaths and resulted in an FDA Public Advisory.1

As a result of the FDA's findings, Supplier Members selling topical anesthetics must use FDA Manufacturers and must supply a copy of their lab's Manufacturing License to the SPCP. This license insures accurate expiration dates and assay testing for safe levels of active ingredients.

The Board of the SPCP understands that this information is proprietary and confidential, but in order to maintain our high professional standards, it is required for future membership and sales at SPCP sponsored events. If disclosure of confidential information is of concern, a notarized statement from a lawyer stating that the supplier has shown them all information and that they met the standard will be accepted.

If you are a reseller and you know your manufacturer has submitted documentation, simply attach a letter or email stating so.

APPLY TO BE A SUPPLIER MEMBER