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FOREWORD

This Standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Chemicals and Polymer Technology and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2021-09-01

Shaving creams of lather type are basically soaps composed of Sodium and potassium stearates, mixed with water and glycerol to give a creamy soft texture. Non-lather (brushless) shaving creams are essentially oil-in-water emulsions. They usually consist of mineral oil emulsified in water with a stearate soap containing an excess of stearic acid.

It is necessary that the raw materials used are such that at concentrations in which they are present in shaving creams and after interaction with the other raw materials, they are free from harmful effects

This Sri Lanka Standard was first published in the year 1987. In this First Revision, requirements for heavy metals, microbiological limits and test method for determination of water content and lather volume have been revised. Additionally, assurance of the safety of the final product formulation was included. For safety evaluation of the final product formulation, it shall be the responsibility of the manufacturers of shaving cream to satisfy themselves with proven evidence for the safety of the formulation before releasing the product for sale.

This Specification is subject to the restrictions imposed under the applicable State Legislative requirements.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this Specification is complied with, the final value, measured or calculated, expressing the result of a test or an analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with SLS 102. The number of decimal places retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this Specification.

All standard values in this Specification are in SI units.

In the preparation of this Standard, the assistance derived from the following publication is gratefully acknowledged.

ISO 17516:2014	Cosmetics – Microbiology – Microbiological limits
IS 9740:2018	Shaving cream - Specification
IFRA	Standard for fragrances published by the International Fragrances Association

1 SCOPE

1.1 This Specification prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for shaving creams of both lather type and non-lather (brushless) type.