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COSMETIC NOTIFICATION FORM PROCESS

For vendors selling health and beauty products at a farmers market in Canada, please follow this **Cosmetic Notification Form (CNF) process**:

1. **Submission Requirement:** Vendors must submit a CNF to Health Canada **within 10 days of first selling their product**. If they are making their products for the first time and selling them at the market, they should submit the CNF as soon as possible.
2. **Processing Time:** There is **no formal approval process**—once submitted, the vendor can continue selling their product. Health Canada does not provide confirmation or pre-approve cosmetics; they simply require the notification for regulatory tracking.
3. **Compliance Check:** Health Canada may review CNF submissions for accuracy but does not delay sales unless there is a compliance issue (e.g., unsafe ingredients, improper labeling).

Practical Considerations for Farmers Market Vendors:

- **Preemptive Submission:** If possible, vendors should complete the CNF **before** their first market day to ensure compliance.
- **Product Labeling:** Ensure the product meets **Canadian cosmetic labeling requirements**, including ingredient listing, bilingual labeling (English & French), and no prohibited claims (e.g., unapproved therapeutic claims).
- **Health Canada Inspections:** Farmers markets may receive occasional compliance checks, so vendors should keep CNF records and proof of submission.

Estimated Timeline for a New Vendor:

- **Filling out the CNF:** ~30 minutes to 1 hour (depending on familiarity with requirements).
- **Submission Processing:** Immediate (no approval required, just a confirmation of submission).
- **Selling Legally:** Can start selling immediately after submission.

Links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/cosmetics/notification-cosmetics.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/cosmetics/notification-cosmetics/guide.html>