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Good Manufacturing Practices For Soap And Cosmetic Handcrafters



Synopsis

Most people who make handcrafted soaps and cosmetics do so because they want better, safer or more natural products and have a personal passion for what they are doing. They are conscientious in their selection of suppliers and raw materials, creative in their formulations, careful in their production and, in the end, proud of their finished products. They have control over every phase and aspect of the production cycle, from beginning to end, and are frequently hands-on during the entire process. Large companies, with many employees involved in manufacturing tens of hundreds of thousands of product units at a time don't have that same level of "hands-on" or personal passion. With increased levels of automation and numerous people in the process comes increased possibility for mix-ups or contamination of products - hence the need for detailed and exact procedures that can be double-checked and documented throughout the manufacturing cycle. Out of that need comes the concept of "good manufacturing practices." Establishing and then following good manufacturing practices in your business is like having and using a GPS navigator to get around town. No matter how familiar you are with the streets, it takes a lot less effort to just follow the directions. The trick, of course, is having all the necessary information in the navigator to start with. That's what GMP is all about - setting up the navigation system for your production and manufacturing, so you can avoid the potholes and steer clear of the factors that could potentially wreck your product.

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I have to disagree with the other review. While it is not as detailed as the cGMP courses I have

taken in Post Graduate Professional courses it is a great starting primer for the small crafter who wants to sell product and do it correctly. These Crafters are the exact market for whom the book was written. They have little to no previous exposure to cGMP and this is a great all around starting resource. It has everything included which will allow this person to make good, safe products as well as to limit their liability. I work with small start-up lines. If they insist on producing their own product I will recommend the book. In some cases I have actually purchased a copy and sent it to them as part of my services.

This is a wonderful book, I highly recommend it for anyone who is considering selling their bath creations. I wasn't sure about buying this book because the author is American but she explains the requirements for Canada and other countries too. I still have a long way to go but armed with this book I feel much better prepared to start my own soap business.

A must-have book for Handcrafted Soap Makers and Sellers. If you're going to sell your handcrafted soaps you need this book to make sure you're following good manufacturing practices. This will help you be prepared when your soap shop gets a visit from the inspectors.

A great beginner book for GMP practices for those in the cottage industry.

Informative, well-organized, and clear -- just what a cottage crafter needs in order to get themselves organized. I've begun the process of reshaping my crafting process and record-keeping to meet GMP, and am looking forward to no longer worrying about compliance!

This is a must have for anyone that wants to be in compliance with their product labels. This is a must have for any soapmaker or anyone that makes bath and body products.

This book is a must read for creating a great work space and for compliance with FDA regulations. So pleased and not boring to read at all

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