

MEMBER PLEDGE

PREAMBLE

The Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild is a trade organization whose object and purpose is:

- a) to promote and educate the public about the handcrafted soap and cosmetic industry;
- b) to act as a center of communication among, and to circulate information beneficial to, members of the handcrafted soap and cosmetic industry;
- c) to foster the handcrafted soap and cosmetic industry through education and training; and
- d) to represent the handcrafted soap and cosmetic industry in matters concerning legislation and regulations affecting the industry

Membership is open to those who make and/or sell handcrafted soap, cosmetics, and/or candles; businesses and individuals who provide ingredients and/or supplies to makers; and those who wish to assist in promoting the industry in general.

CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild I pledge to:

- 1) Promote the handcrafted soap & cosmetic industry and assist in its recognition and acceptance.
- 2) Encourage a spirit of respect, cooperation, ethical conduct and fair dealing with and between all soap and cosmetic makers, whether members of the HSCG or not.
- 3) Conduct myself in a manner which inspires confidence in and reflects well of the handcrafted soap & cosmetic industry.
- 4) Conduct my business in accordance with all local, state and federal laws.

As a Maker Member of the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild I pledge to:

- 5) Follow good manufacturing practices in the production of my handcrafted soaps and cosmetics.
- 6) Ensure that my soaps and cosmetics are safe for use by the consumer.
- 7) Accurately label my soaps and cosmetics in accordance with the current regulations of the authorized governmental body in my country.
- 8) Provide accurate information to my customers regarding the ingredients, benefits and use of my products.

As a Supplier Member of the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild I pledge to:

- 9) Follow good manufacturing and/or re-packaging practices in the production and/or packaging of soap or cosmetic making ingredients which I sell to soap or cosmetic makers.

10) Provide sufficient information to my customers who make handcrafted soap and cosmetics to enable them to label their products with accurate ingredient labels in accordance with the current regulations of the authorized governmental body in their country.

11) Provide technical data covering safe usage of ingredients to my customers.

As a member of the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild I pledge to:

12) Honor property rights, including copyrights and patents and give proper credit for another's work even in cases where the work has not been explicitly protected.

13) Use and protect the marks and trademarks of the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild in accordance with the guidelines set by the Board of Directors.

14) Uphold and promote the principles of this Code.

NOTES:

In the United States the federal agencies would be the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission; state agencies may also have authority. In other countries similar governmental bodies may exist.

Approved by the
HSCG Board of Directors

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History:

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