

## Independent review of stability, efficacy and regulatory compliance for Aesthetics Rx Face and Body Sunscreen SPF50

Following recent *CHOICE* testing and resulting media attention, consumers have raised questions about whether they can trust their sunscreen efficacy claims. Regulatory Matters conducted an independent review of quality documentation and product testing to assess the performance and compliance of *Aesthetics Rx Face and Body Sunscreen SPF50 (FORND200)* with Australian regulatory requirements.

### Scope of review

The assessment focused on three areas:

1. Sun Protection Factor (SPF), which measures protection against UVB rays (sunburn)
2. UVA protection, which reflects defence against longer-term sun damage
3. Product stability, to ensure the formulation remains safe and effective over time

### Findings

**High SPF performance:** The product achieved a mean SPF of 64.4 in laboratory testing, exceeding the minimum required for an SPF 50+ claim under the Australian/New Zealand Sunscreen Standard (AS/NZS 2604).

**Water resistance confirmed:** After 80 minutes of water immersion, the sunscreen retained an SPF of 56. This supports the label claim of 4-hour water resistance meeting the regulatory testing protocols.

**Broad-spectrum protection:** The product demonstrated a high level of UVA protection, including a PA++++ rating based on in vivo testing and compliance with in vitro critical wavelength and UVA/SPF ratio criteria.

**Stability and shelf life:** Accelerated stability testing supports a three-year shelf life when stored below 30°C, with active ingredients and physical characteristics remaining within specification throughout the testing period.

### Regulatory status

Aesthetics Rx Face and Body Sunscreen SPF50 is listed in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) and complies with all applicable requirements for primary sunscreens regulated by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). This includes ingredient approvals, label claims, and testing to AS/NZS 2604 standards.

### Conclusion

This independent review confirms that Aesthetics Rx Face and Body Sunscreen SPF50 delivers consistent and reliable sun protection. The product's claims of SPF 50+, 4-hour water resistance, and broad-spectrum coverage are supported by high-quality evidence. Consumers can have confidence that the product meets its stated performance and is compliant with Australian regulatory standards.

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