

## **STANDARDS OF QUALITY**

### **SOAP**

#### Materials

1. The use of natural vegetable or animal oils is preferred.
2. Ingredients that are specifically prohibited by Health Canada must not be used.
3. The use of locally made or produced ingredients is preferred.

#### Technique

4. Soap should retain its natural glycerine.
5. Colourant in soap should be uniform in appearance unless specific colour changes are intentional.
6. Finished soap bars should be free of soda ash.
7. Soap should be of a consistent texture and must contain no lye pockets.
8. Soap bars should be cured for at least 3 weeks from the date of unmolding, longer if a milder soap is required.
9. Molded soaps are acceptable if the master, the mold and the soap making are the work of a craftsperson. The use of commercial molds is permitted only if the mold is so neutral as to have no influence on the aesthetic of the finished piece. Any decoration must:
  1. Show a high level of understanding and application of design principles
  2. Be original, and show the distinct, personal style of the maker
  3. Show that consideration has been given to the integration of the base form into the finished product
  4. Be consistent with other products that form part of the soap maker's line.

#### Other

10. Soap products must be registered with Health Canada and labelled in accordance with the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations of Health Canada. A copy of the Cosmetic Notification Form, acknowledged by Health Canada, must accompany a submission to the N.L.C.D.A. Standards Committee.
11. Labelling and packaging will inevitably play a major role in product identification. Packaging must be professionally presented and designed to convey a distinct product style.