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Hypo- allergenic policy

Overview

There is no medical basis for this term.

It is in general use as a marketing tool and was developed in the 1960's by the cosmetics industry. It gives some solace to purchasers of product that some care has been taken to ensure that products utilised have been risk assessed against known allergens to protect consumers and this is all Jambohut can do.

Jambohut does not approve unreservedly the use of the word 'hypo-allergenic' as it believes it is not used in an open, honest and transparent way but as a sop and a word used to miss-sell products by inferring something it is not. It sounds medical therefore it is, when it is not.

Notwithstanding the above, there are some common known allergens against which Jambohut has taken action from the outset, e.g. there is no nickel in the jewellery, but there are also some others that were less easy to identify, e.g. finished polishing of wooden giftware used to be by using blue band margarine.

By special exemption, Jambohut would allow the use of the word 'hypo-allergenic' to be used by retailers if they so wish so long as the consumer is fully appraised as to why the word is used, e.g. nickel free = hypo-allergenic.

There is an argument that the baskets are hypo-allergenic as they are made from and are 99.5% Aloe Vera, which is known to be anti-hypoglycemic, a treatment for type 11 diabetes and the gel from the leaf (from which sisal is stranded), a known cure for wounds and various skin complaints.

Due to the very nature of the source of the products, Jambohut is aware that it needs to take special care in ensuring that every action from transmittable diseases to allergy prevention has been properly assessed and dealt with.

Jambohut is confident that it has taken and continues to take all reasonable steps to prevent harm or irritation to consumers.

Implementation, Aims and Objectives.

The following actions shall be undertaken as they fall due;

1. That at no time will nickel be used in jewellery manufacture.
2. That all jewellery products are pure alcohol washed and cleaned prior to collection.
3. That no nickel, zinc, lead, cadmium, chrome, mercury, vanadium or arsenic is used in any product.
4. That all paints used are water based acrylic and not oil based
5. That no dairy based products are used.
6. That all wooden products are sealed.
7. The varnishing used for sealing products shall be of the best quality and supplied directly by Jambohut to the producer groups, in order to maintain credibility and shall only be of a low VOC (or zero when available).
8. That Jambohut will continue to monitor all products and carry out periodic review in furtherance of its due diligence.

