

RADIATION PROTECTION SECTION



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Red Light Therapy

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TO: All Tanning Registrants and Tanning Service Providers

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REF: Red Light Therapy Lamps and Units

Radiation Protection Section is issuing this notice to provide information regarding red light therapy. At this time, the FDA has not approved the use of red light therapy lamps in tanning units. The use of such lamps in a tanning unit creates an unapproved “medical device”, therefore, potentially creating a misbranded or unlicensed product.

Please Note: Until further notice, inspections will be performed on tanning beds/booths as intended for the purpose of cosmetic skin tanning. Lamps in use must adhere to the sunlamp standard as stated on the unit label. Therefore your prompt attention is needed to either remove the red light therapy lamps from these units or remove this unit from service.

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this corrective action. Facilities that fail to comply will be issued a violation. Please consult your lamp distributors for further clarification regarding any red light therapy lamps you may have received. You can also contact the FDA with further questions on red light therapy. We will also post any updated or acquired information on this topic on our website.

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