

# **Guide for Reviewing Product Names of Antiseptics /Disinfectants and pesticides product Year 2025**

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### Guide for Selecting Trade Names for Antiseptics/Disinfectant and Pesticides Products

#### First: For Locally Manufactured Products:

1. The Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) uses the **EDA Naming Checker** program to determine the degree of similarity between names. Names with high similarity are more likely to cause confusion and handling errors. Names that are nearly identical in spelling and/or pronunciation achieve a similarity score of **70% or higher**.
2. EDA recommends companies avoid proposed trade names that are phonetically or orthographically similar to existing trade names or ingredient names in other products.
3. There must be a difference of at least **three letters** between the proposed name and other registered or under registration products. For products containing the same active ingredients, the difference may be a minimum of **two letters**.
4. It is prohibited to name a product identically to a reference name (even if a suffix/prefix is added).
5. Vowels (**A, E, I, O, U**) are not counted as distinguishing letters if they do not affect pronunciation (i.e., if removing the letter does not change the sound).
6. The following letter groups are treated as a **single letter** due to phonetic similarity: (Sh, Ch) – (l, Y, E) – (B, P) – (O, U) – (C, K, CH) – (Q, K) – (S, C) – (D, T) – (Z, X).
7. Symbols like (©, ™, ®) may be written or translated into Arabic on the trade name if the company provides a certificate proving the name is a registered trademark.
8. Irrelevant symbols (such as "+", "&", "\*", or "#") are **not permitted** in proposed names.
9. Common names for non-pharmaceutical products, such as foods, beverages, and famous brands, may not be used.
10. The product name must not contain a claim that conflicts with its use. If a specific syllable or claim is included, scientific evidence must be provided, and it must align with the product's use.

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11. Using the **scientific name** of the active ingredient (if it is a single-ingredient product) is permitted, provided the company name or trade name (as listed in the commercial register) is placed alongside the ingredient name.
12. Trade names for multi-ingredient products will be **rejected** if the name refers to only one or some of the active ingredients but not all, as this may mislead the user into assuming the product contains only that specific substance.
13. Concentrations in the trade name must use correct spelling/symbols, such as: (Microgram – µg– mcg) or (Milligram – mg).
14. For **Line Extensions** of antiseptic/disinfectants containing the same active ingredient, the same trade name may be used (after reviewing the previous name), and adding a suffix consistent with the formula (e.g., Plus, Co.) is permitted.
15. Mentioning **inactive ingredients** in the proposed trade name is not allowed, as it may give a false impression regarding the use or description of the product.
16. Trade names that are too long to fit on very small packaging may be rejected.
17. Companies must consider the **phonic characteristics** and potential pronunciation difficulties of the trade name.

### Second: For Imported Products

The trade name is reviewed based on the name recorded in the **Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product (CPP)** or **Free Sale Certificate**. It must be identical to the name marketed in the country of origin. If the name conflicts with other products registered or under registration, the matter is referred to the **Committee for the Registration of Household and Public Health Pesticides and Antiseptics** for opinion.

**Note:** If a company submits an appeal for a trade name that conflicts with the above instructions, the reasons must be stated in the appeal and presented to the **Committee for the Registration of Household and Public Health Pesticides and Antiseptics** for a final decision.

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**History Table**

<b>Version No.</b>	<b>Issue date</b>	<b>Summary of Changes</b>
1	10/2022	Initial Release
2	06/2025	1. Updated and added several rules for reviewing and selecting names for local products. 2. Clarified procedures regarding imported antiseptics/disinfectant and pesticides names.