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From our research, Kenya Standards are generally done in an almost similar format.

Here is a sample of how we were hoping the format for this standard would look like;  
> Technical committee is named (the organizations represented in the committee)  
> Forward/preface  
> Specification for cuticle remover  
   1. Scope  
       This Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of test for cuticle removers.  
   2. Application  
       This standard applies to all liquids, gels, or creams meant for application on the fingers/toe regions of the body with the sole purpose of softening/dissolving the cuticles.  
   3. Requirements  
   4. Packing  
       The products shall be packed in suitable containers.  
   5. Marking and labeling  
       The product shall conform to the labeling requirements outlined in KS 1707- Labeling of cosmetic products.  
   6. Sampling  
       Representative samples shall be drawn from the market or anywhere else following the procedure outlined in KS 1668- Methods of sampling cosmetics.  
   7. Method of test

Clearly, we are not in a position to complete the whole document minus the input of other stakeholders, key being KEBS as the regulator. We need help in pointing out the method that would be used to qualitatively and quantitatively determine all the active ingredients.

Herein we have attached a sample of the Requirements section of the proposed standard . Please look at it and advice on areas that we can improve on and how our company can help in the development of the cuticle remover standard.

Regards,

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Quality Officer

**Proposed Cuticle Remover – General Requirement/Specification**

**Requirements**

1. The cuticle remover shall be in the form of liquid, gel or cream.
2. The cuticle remover shall not have any objectionable odour/smell.
3. The cuticle remover shall be effective in softening/dissolving the cuticles as desired and advertised by the manufacturer.
4. The cuticle remover shall have no undesirable or harmful effects on the nail and surrounding skin, for example cracking or drying.
5. Substances/ingredients used in the cuticle remover shall conform to all the parts of KS EAS 377-1:2013.
6. The cuticle remover shall comply with the specific quality requirements given in the Table 1 when tested in accordance with the corresponding test methods.

**Table 1 – Specific quality requirements for cuticle remover**

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| **SL No.** | **Characteristic** | **Requirement** | **Test method** |
| i) | NaOH/KOH concentration, max. (g/L) | 10 |  |
| ii) | pH (neat) | 12 - 14 |  |