HOW DID WISHING WELL & RUBY BEAUTY CARRY OUT UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES?



Enticed customers with promotions

Staff loitered in the street and enticed passers-by with one-time, discounted facial treatment.

Failed to provide initial agreed treatment

Staff did not provide discounted beauty treatment as initially agreed after consumer was inside the beauty parlour.



Instead, staff performed unsolicited services by providing a more expensive beauty treatment without consumer's prior consent.



Pressured to buy package

Staff then pressured consumer to buy a beauty package and the charges for earlier unsolicited services would be waived off.



Ended up buying expensive packages

Consumer ended up buying beauty packages ranging from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, which was not what consumer had initially wanted.



Misled on terms & conditions

Consumer was misled that package bought was transferable with unlimited validity period, while invoices stated otherwise.

TIPS FOR BEAUTY RETAILERS

State clearly and accurately upfront the price and any other material terms & conditions of any service or product offered to consumers

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Always obtain consumers' consent before proceeding with any treatment or service 3

Do not exert undue pressure or influence on the consumer to make purchases

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Do not entice consumers with 'discounts/offers' which are not genuine, then persuade consumers to buy something more expensive