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### International Cooperation on Cosmetic Regulation (ICCR) Outcome of the Meeting Held June 28 to July 1, 2011

Paris, France

The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) held its fifth annual meeting (ICCR-5) June 28 –July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 in Paris, France, to discuss issues related to cosmetics and cosmetic-like drug/quasi-drug products. ICCR is an international group of cosmetic regulatory authorities from Canada, the European Union, Japan, and the United States. This multilateral framework maintains the highest level of global consumer protection, while minimizing barriers to international trade. As part of this meeting, the regulators entered into a dialogue with cosmetics industry trade associations from each region, and other interested parties.

The meeting focused on the following topics:

- Alternative Test Methods
- Nanotechnologies
- Safety Assessment Principles
- Trace Contaminants
- Involvement of Interested Parties in ICCR

On June 30, the ICCR Regulators hosted an open stakeholder meeting. Participants in this session included members of consumer organizations, industry associations, and academia, with an interest in regulatory issues involving cosmetics. Information on the ICCR process, as well as current work items such as nanotechnology, alternatives to animal testing, trace contaminants and safety of cosmetics was shared. Several proposals for new work items were presented for future consideration. There are plans to have a similar session at ICCR-6.

ICCR-6 will be held in the United States in 2012.

#### Outcomes of the Meeting

##### 1. Alternative Test Methods

Regulators received an update from International Cooperation on Alternative Test Methods (ICATM)<sup>[1]</sup>.

The report *Applicability of Animal Testing Alternatives in Regulatory Frameworks within ICCR Regions* was accepted.

##### 2. Nanotechnologies

- Regulators accepted the report of the ICCR Ad Hoc Working Group on Characterization of Nanomaterials which describes the characterization methods listed in the annex to the *Report of the ICCR Joint Ad Hoc Working Group on Nanotechnology in Cosmetic Products : Criteria and Methods of Detection – ICCR-4*.
- A new Working Group will be formed to examine methods to characterize insolubility, biopersistence, measurement of size in the realm of 1 to 100 nm in final formulations.
- Regulators and industry received an update on the progress of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Safety Assessment of Nanomaterials.
- Industry presented the results of a *2011 Associations Survey of Nanomaterials Used in Cosmetics* prepared for ICCR.

##### 3. Safety Assessment Principles

- Regulators accepted a report on *Principles of Cosmetic Product Safety Assessment*.

##### 4. Trace Contaminants

- ICCR Ad Hoc Traces Working Group provided a report on Principles for Handling Trace materials was accepted.
- Discussions continue for recommendations on maximum lead contamination levels.
- Work has already begun on a new document regarding maximum levels of 1,4-dioxane.

##### 5. Involvement of Interested Parties in ICCR

- Interested parties were invited to submit detailed proposals for work items for discussion and ICCR members' consideration.
- Proposals were presented at the open stakeholder meeting on nanotechnologies, endocrine disruptors, cosmetic product safety, and alternatives to animal testing including the formation of an ad hoc working group on this topic.
- ICCR will review the proposals for consistency with the objectives and scope of ICCR.
- New work items can be submitted at any time to the ICCR.

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[1] The International Cooperation on Alternative Test Methods (ICATM) was established by ICCR as a framework for validation organizations of Canada, the EU, Japan, and the US to enhance cooperation in replacing, reducing, and refining animal testing.

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