



Activity Title and Number: DG SANTE – CFDA cosmetics expert workshop, A323-C2

Beneficiary: China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA)

Location and Date: Beijing, 19 March 2015

Stakeholders: The Association Cosmetics Europe (CE)

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

The Cosmetics Expert Exchange Roundtable supports the bilateral dialogues between the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) and the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) with science and industry expert opinions as a reference for EU and Chinese policy makers. It takes place twice a year at the margins of the bilateral dialogues with the support of the EUCTP II. The 6th CFDA-DG SANTE Cosmetics Expert Exchange Roundtable took place in Beijing on 19th March 2015.

Both the EU and China have recently updated cosmetics legislation and standards. The workshop enhanced the practical understanding of existing technical regulations and standards as not every detail can be included in regulations and standards. Although many aspects of cosmetics are regulated both in the EU and China, there is still a need for discussing technical topics yet outside the present regulations and standards, with the aim to improve and complete these documents. Another important aspect is the task and the ability of market surveillance to correctly interpret and implement the legislative requirements.

Activity Description

Focusing on technical developments in China and EU, officials from CFDA and DG SANTE discussed a number of pending legislative and technical issues, such as China hygiene standards for cosmetics, updates of EU Annexes to the EU Cosmetics Regulation, Plant ingredients management, hair dyeing aspects, etc. In the second session of the day the focus was on EU market control and China efficacy verification guidelines. The last issue of the day was the presentation of Cosmetics Europe outlining the EU approach to unavoidable traces of banned substances, which developed into a lively debate, especially from the Chinese side.

Officials from DG SANTE, CFDA, Chinese universities, hospitals and research institutes as well as representatives of Cosmetics Europe and EU industries such as L’Oreal, Henkel and P&G attended the meeting. The industry representatives especially benefited from the valuable interactive discussions on plant ingredients, hair dyeing aspects and banned substances. A very interesting contribution was made by the Shanghai Dermatology Hospital on efficacy verification guidelines.



Results

The workshop:

- ✓ Updated regulators’ knowledge on the latest standards and regulations and by elucidating and agreeing on technical aspects that may cause different views on how to conduct market surveillance.
- ✓ Enhanced the information exchange between supervisory bodies of both sides, and the participation and support for the protective measures to be taken by the relevant industry.