



**International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR)
19th Annual Meeting held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada,
from July 8-10, 2025**

The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) held its 19th Annual Meeting (ICCR-19) from July 8-10, 2025 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The ICCR is a voluntary international group of cosmetics regulatory authorities, comprising the Steering Committee (SC) from Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, the European Union, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States. This group of regulatory authorities has quarterly teleconferences and meets on an annual basis in person to discuss common issues on cosmetics safety and regulation, and engages in constructive dialogue with the SC's relevant cosmetics Industry Trade Associations. Through this international collaboration, the ICCR aims to maintain the highest level of global consumer protection, while minimizing barriers to international trade. In 2025, representatives from Cape Verde, Egypt, People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and the United Kingdom participated in the meeting as observers.

As part of this meeting, the regulators entered into a dialogue with cosmetics industry trade associations from each jurisdiction on July 9, 2025.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch - Health Canada, Mr. Matt Jones, welcomed the group and made opening remarks.

The President of the Cosmetics Alliance Canada, Mr. Darren Praznik, made an opening statement on behalf of industry.

The following Joint Working Group (JWG) topics were discussed at the meeting:

- Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients II
- Considerations for Electronic (E)-labelling in Cosmetics
- Consumer Communications

An open stakeholder session was held on July 9, 2025. Representatives from the Environmental Health Association of Canada (EHAC) presented on fragrance and chemical exposures & accessibility regarding safeguarding health via inclusive cosmetic regulation. The Humane World for Animals provided an overview of the Master Class in Animal-Free Safety Assessment for Cosmetics. The International Collaboration on Cosmetic Safety (ICCS) provided updates on recent ICCS activities around the development of Best

Practice Guidance and other educational materials to help support the implementation of animal-free approaches.

The following are the outcomes of the meeting:

1. Updated the “International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)”.
 - ICCR SC endorsed the changes to the SOP to address majority voting, member absences, member abstentions during voting and the process for co-chair selection for Joint Working Groups.
2. Updated the “International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) - Terms of Reference” to reflect the changes to the SOP.
3. Updated the “Annex of International Standards in Cosmetics Report”.
4. Updated the “Inventory of Validated Alternatives to Animal Testing Applicable for Cosmetic Products and their Ingredients in all ICCR Regions” and renamed it to “Inventory of Validated Non-Animal Testing Methods Applicable for Cosmetic Products and their Ingredients in all ICCR Regions”.
5. Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients II.
 - ICCR SC agreed that the JWG will complete at least 3 case studies on skin sensitization during the ICCR-20 Cycle.
6. E-labelling in Cosmetics
 - ICCR SC endorsed the Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group “Considerations for e-labelling of cosmetics”.
 - ICCR SC agreed that the JWG will finalize the “Global Overview” on e-labelling across ICCR member jurisdictions during the ICCR-20 Cycle.
 - ICCR SC agreed that the JWG will start work on the deliverable: General principles for e-labelling and digital information during the ICCR-20 Cycle.
7. Consumer Communications
 - ICCR SC agreed to the proposed approach by the JWG to finalize the remaining deliverables during the ICCR-20 Cycle.
8. ICCR’s 20th Anniversary Declaration:
 - ICCR SC agreed to create a new JWG, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary cycle of ICCR to review ICCR’s Purpose, mission and to consider its future direction.

The next ICCR Annual meeting will be held in Tokyo, Japan in July 2026.