



**International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR)
20th Annual Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan,
from July 7-9, 2026**

The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) held its 20th Annual Meeting (ICCR-20) from July 7-9, 2026, in Tokyo, Japan. The ICCR is a voluntary international group of cosmetics regulatory authorities. Its Steering Committee (SC) comprises representatives from Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, the European Union, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States. The group holds quarterly teleconferences and meets in person annually to discuss common issues relating to 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 2026, representatives from Cape Verde, the People's Republic of China, Thailand and the United Kingdom participated in the meeting as observers.

As part of this meeting, the regulators held a dialogue with cosmetics industry trade associations representing each jurisdiction on July 8, 2026.

The Councilor for Pharmaceutical Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, Dr. Daisaku Sato, welcomed the group and made opening remarks.

The President of the Japan Cosmetics Industry Association, Mr. Kazutoshi Kobayashi, 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
- 20th Anniversary Declaration

ICCR SC accepted the application of the United Kingdom's Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) to transition from observer status to ICCR Steering Committee membership, effective from the ICCR-21 cycle.

An open stakeholder session was held on July 8, 2026. Representatives from the German Cosmetic, Toiletry, Perfumery and Detergent Association presented information on training for cosmetic safety assessors. Cruelty Free Beauty

presented their activities for a global ban on animal testing. The International Collaboration on Cosmetic Safety (ICCS) provided updates on its recent work to develop best-practice guidance and other educational materials supporting the implementation of animal-free approaches. The Japan Ethical Initiative presented its views on ethical considerations relating to animals used as raw materials of cosmetics. COSMED presented practical PFAS-related challenges faced by small and medium-sized enterprises.

The following are the outcomes of the meeting:

1. Updated the “Terms of Reference for ICCR”.
2. Updated the “International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)”.
 - ICCR SC endorsed amendments to the SOP clarifying the procedure to be followed when unforeseen circumstances beyond an SC member’s control prevent it from hosting the annual meeting. It also updated the “Process for ICCR Observer to transition to ICCR Steering Committee Member” accordingly.
3. Updated the “Annex of International Standards in Cosmetics Report”.
4. ICCR SC endorsed the report on the “Stock Review Exercise”. ICCR SC decided to re-establish the Traces JWG to update past ICCR documents on traces. The ICCR SC will also update the Report on “Allergens in Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: Comparison of Jurisdictional and Regulatory Approaches” throughout the next cycle.
5. Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients II.
 - ICCR SC welcomed the progress of the ISSA II JWG’s work and the JWG’s consideration of broader risk assessment topics.
6. E-labelling in Cosmetics
 - ICCR SC endorsed the JWG’s deliverable, “General Principles for E-labelling and Provision of Digital Information for Cosmetic Products”.
 - ICCR SC agreed to task the JWG to prepare recommendations to implement the General Principles.
7. Consumer Communications
 - ICCR SC endorsed the carousels developed by the JWG.
 - ICCR SC agreed to task the JWG with creating a detailed plan for the launch of the carousels.
8. ICCR’s 20th Anniversary Declaration:
 - ICCR SC endorsed the ICCR-20th Anniversary Declaration which reviews ICCR’s purpose and mission and outlines its future directions.

The next ICCR Annual Meeting will be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, in July 2027.