



**International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR)  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held virtually from June 28-30, 2022**

The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (ICCR-16) from June 28-30, 2022, under the Republic of Korea Chairmanship. The meeting was held virtually due to travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ICCR is a voluntary international group of cosmetics regulatory authorities, comprising the Steering Committee (SC) from Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, the European Union, Japan, Republic of Korea, and the United States. This group of regulatory authorities meets annually, has quarterly teleconferences to discuss common issues on cosmetics safety and regulations, and engages in constructive dialogue with the SC's relevant cosmetics industry trade associations. As stated in the Terms of Reference, the purpose of this multilateral framework is to maintain the highest level of global consumer protection, while minimizing barriers to international trade. In 2022, representatives from Argentina, Chile, Egypt, Israel, 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 had a dialogue with the cosmetics industry trade associations from each respective jurisdiction (including observers) on June 29, 2022.

The Director of the Biopharmaceuticals and Herbal Medicine Bureau in the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), Mr. Sang-Bong Kim, welcomed the group and made opening remarks.

Opening statements on behalf of the cosmetics industry were made by Mr. Myung-Kyu Lee, Vice President of the Korea Cosmetics Association (KCA).

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

- Consumer Communications
- Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessment of Cosmetic Ingredients
- Microbiome and Cosmetics

The SC accepted the application on transition from observer to ICCR SC member from the Ministry of Health (MOH), Israel, which begins in the ICCR-17 cycle.

The following are the outcomes of the ICCR-16 cycle:

1. Updated the table of “International Standards in Cosmetics” and their use within ICCR member jurisdictions.
2. Accepted that no updates were needed for the "Inventory of Validated Alternatives to Animal Testing Applicable for Cosmetic Products”.
3. Consumer Communications JWG
  - ICCR SC endorsed the “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Allergens”.
4. Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients JWG II
  - ICCR SC endorsed the approach proposed by the JWG.
5. Microbiome and Cosmetics JWG II
  - ICCR SC endorsed the “Microbiome and Cosmetics: Working Definitions & Microbiological Assessment Considerations” report.

The next ICCR annual meeting will be hosted by Brazil in 2023.