

## International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in Brasilia, Brazil, from July 11-13, 2023

The International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (ICCR-17) from July 11-13, 2023 in Brasilia, Brazil. 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 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 2023, cosmetic regulatory representatives from Cape Verde, Egypt, People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom participated in the meeting as observers.

The Director of the Third Directorate from the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA), Mr. Alex Machado Campos, welcomed the group and made opening remarks.

Opening statements on behalf of the cosmetics industry were made by Mr. João Carlos Basílio, Chief Executive Officer of the Brazilian Association of the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Industry (ABIHPEC).

As part of this meeting, the regulators had a dialogue with the cosmetics industry trade associations from each respective jurisdiction (including observers) on July 12, 2023.

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

- Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients II
- Consumer Communications

An open stakeholder session was held on July 12. Representatives from Cruelty Free International, the Humane Society International (HSI), and the International Collaboration on Cosmetics Safety (ICCS) gave presentations regarding various activities supporting the end of cosmetic animal testing and the development of animal-free safety assessments. A presentation regarding the utility of clinical research data for investigation of cosmetics safety and efficacy was also provided by the Brazilian Society of Professionals of Clinical Research (SBPPC). With respect to alternatives to

animal testing, ICCR continues to support work on this topic through the Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients JWG II.

The following are the outcomes of the ICCR-17 cycle:

- 1. Updated "Annex of International Standards in Cosmetics Report".
- 2. Updated "Annex of Inventory of Validated Alternatives to Animal Testing Applicable for Cosmetic Products and their Ingredients in all ICCR Regions".
- 3. Integrated Strategies for Safety Assessments of Cosmetic Ingredients JWG II
  - ICCR SC supported the approach proposed by the JWG to update the risk assessment workflow for the use of NAMs in the safety assessment of cosmetic ingredients.
- 4. Consumer Communications JWG
  - ICCR SC supported the approach proposed by the JWG to complete the deliverable regarding the topic "Navigating Cosmetic Pseudoscience".

The next ICCR annual meeting will be hosted by Chinese Taipei in 2024.