

## Minutes of AQSIQ-DG ENTR WG Meeting on Cosmetics

17 November 2008

### 1. Current revision of the Chinese Cosmetics Standards and their impact on safety:

AQSIQ informed DG Enterprise about the revision of the Hygienic Rule for Cosmetics updated by MOH in 2007 and announced that a new standard for labeling of cosmetics released by AQSIQ will come into force on 1 October 2009. DG Enterprise welcomed the revision of the Chinese cosmetic rules and their alignment with international practices.

### 2. Registration of imported cosmetics to China:

AQSIQ explained the recent amendments to the registration system for imported non-functional cosmetics which reduced the delays in the registration. DG Enterprise welcomed this progress.

### 3. Traces level's substance in cosmetics

Both sides agreed that firstly the responsibility for the safety of cosmetics should lie with the manufacturer. Secondly, Chinese authorities will consider the acceptance of a self-guarantee risk assessment note provided by companies on traces which are unavoidable and which do not present a risk for the safety of consumers. Chinese side addressed that maximum limits are necessary and should be established. Both sides agreed that the information exchange on traces between the EU and China should be enhanced.

### 4. Future Cosmetic Regulation in the EU

DG Enterprise informed AQSIQ of the latest developments with regard to the future EU Cosmetics Regulation. AQSIQ mentioned that the Chinese government sent their comments to the notification of the new rules to WTO. DG Enterprise provided AQSIQ with the official EC response. Both sides agreed to organize a seminar on the new EU cosmetics regulations in 2009.

## 5. Latest progress on alternative methods to animal testing in the EU

DG Enterprise informed AQSIQ of the progress on the alternative methods to animal testing in the EU and of the international recognition of these methods in particular by OECD. Both sides agreed that China must be more internationally involved in the development of alternative methods. DG Enterprise will enhance the exchange of information on alternative methods between the European and Chinese scientists, and will support the future participation of China in ICCR. AQSIQ proposed that a seminar on alternative methods is to be organized in 2009, possibly at the occasion of DG Enterprise visit in Beijing in January 2009.

## 6. Next actions for 2009

- Seminar on the alternative methods to animal testing (January 2009)
- Symposium on the new EU cosmetics regulations