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**Hygienic Standard for Cosmetics**

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# Hygienic Standard for Cosmetics

## 1. General provisions

**1.1** This standard has been constituted in order to provide the consumers with cosmetics meeting hygienic standard, ensure the hygienic quality and safety in the use of cosmetics, strengthen the hygienic supervision and management of cosmetics and guarantee the health of people.

**1.2** Cosmetics refer to the products laid, applied and spread on any positions (such as scarfskin, hair, nails and oral lips) of the surface of human body or oral mucosa to achieve the purposes of cleaning, protecting the skin, beauty treatment and decoration.

**1.3** The production and distribution of cosmetics in the country must observe this standard. The imported cosmetics must also conform to the specifications of this standard.

**1.4** The hygiene and disease control departments above region or city level (included) are responsible for the hygienic supervision of cosmetics production. The hygiene and disease control departments above county level (included) are responsible for the hygienic supervision of cosmetics distribution.

**1.5** The Expert Group for Safety Evaluation of Cosmetics under the administration of the Ministry of Health is responsible for the evaluation of major and difficult problems in relation to the safety of cosmetics. Its offices are responsible for accepting such matters as registration, enrollment and examination of imported cosmetics materials and cosmetics products.

## 2. Hygienic standard for cosmetics

### 2.1 General requirements

**2.1.1** Cosmetics must have good appearance and no foreign odor.

**2.1.2** Cosmetics must not have irritation and damnification effect on skin and mucosa.

**2.1.3** Cosmetics must be non-infective and safe for use.

### 2.2 Requirements for materials

**2.2.1** The substances listed in Table 2 must not be used as cosmetics components.

**2.2.2** The use of the substances listed in Table 3-Table 6 as cosmetics components must conform to the specifications in these tables.

**2.2.3** The use of more than two kinds of substances listed in Table 3-Table 6 as cosmetics components must conform to the specification that the sum of the ratios between the quantities of the substances with the same type of effect and the quantity limitation specified in these tables must not be greater than 1.

### 2.3 Requirements for products

**2.3.1** The microbiological quality of cosmetics shall conform to the following specifications:

**2.3.1.1** The total bacteria number of the cosmetics for eyes, oral lips and oral mucosa as well as the cosmetics for infants and children must not be greater than 500/ml or 500/g.

**2.3.1.2** The total bacteria number of other cosmetics must not be greater than 1000/ml or 1000/g.

**2.3.1.3** The existence of fecal coliform, pseudomonas aeruginosa and staphylococcus aureus must not be detected in each gram or milliliter of products.

**2.3.2** The toxic substances contained in the cosmetics must not exceed the quantity limitation

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