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PROGRESS COUNTRY REPORT: CAMBODIA

I- Preparation for the implementation of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive

Recently the Ministry of Health has conducted a survey in the city to determine the extent of cosmetic products actually marketed regardless the country of manufacture and the name / address of importers in order to classify those products into categories with respect to the six functions of cosmetic products.

The Ministry of Health organized in early May 06 a dialogue partner with companies to inform them beyond 2008 the responsibility of ensuring the product safety will be placed on the companies that marketed those products . Beside this the companies were informed at that time there is no more pre marketing approval and the product notification will replace it and the company shall keep the product information file readily accessible to regulators for further investigation on benefit claimed of cosmetic products.

The Ministry of Health has expected a successive workshop are needed to increase the understanding of the companies on the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive. As regulators, we shall spend more time to understand the content of each chapter and appendix as well as its respective annexes of banned , restricted and permitted list of ingredients used in cosmetic products.

II – ASEAN Cosmetic Program 2006 : Activities supported by ITC and PTB

Two delegates attended the Workshop on GRP for Cosmetic Products during which the products interface is an important issue to be discussed.

Two delegates attended the workshop on Product Notification in Jakarta

Two delegates attended the advanced Training on PMS in Hanoi, Viet Nam

Two delegates attended the PMS in Manila, Philippines.

Attendance the First Regional Workshop on Development of Safety Evaluation Guidelines .

Conduct National Follow Up Training on PMS

III - Bilateral Program EU - CAMBODIA

Mrs. [Jasmin Espejo- Hermes](#) ,expert on Food Standards and Fisheries will serve as focal person taking responsibility to seek for expert with the aim to provide assistance to Ministry of health for the transposing of ACD into National Law.

Mr. [David Warnant](#) assisted the Cosmetic Sector of the Department of Drugs and Food for a period of one week in October 05 to consider the mechanism of transposing the ACD . Firstly he proposed to adapt the existing regulation to be in line with the ACD requirement and translate it into national language before

submission for MOH approval . MOH proposed through Mr. David Warnant to continue supporting not only the regulation aspect but also the technical issue on safety assessment .

Recently MOH has received confirmation that EU has agreed on the proposed activities :

- Advanced training on safety assessment of ingredients used in cosmetic products for one week in March 2006,
- Advanced training on safety and efficient evaluation of cosmetic products by using a real submitted file for registration : Nov .2006
- Workshop on ACD to all relevant stakeholders and the preparation phase of the ACD implementation : 2007

IV – Challenges :

The adjustment of regulation takes time because the existing regulation need to be totally changed and others relevant stakeholders such as custom office , Ministry of Trade , Ministry of Industry , Economic Police must be invited to contribute in this change . Different concepts will be raised because each agency has its own regulation and in particular when MOH shift from pre-marketing approval to the Product Notification.

Self regulation by the cosmetic companies to ensure compliance with safety and quality criteria become an important part of the regulatory system.

Cosmetic importers and distributors will face difficulties in obtaining information required for Product Information File.

The Post Marketing Surveillance and product safety & efficacy evaluation needs to be strengthened in term of human resources and financial issues.

Cambodia is still in the learning phase for the transposition of the ACD.

Thank You.