



**The Report of the Fourth Meeting of the
ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)
The ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC)
THE ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body (ACSB)
6 December 2005,
Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam**

INTRODUCTION

The Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body (ACSB) was held on the 6 December 2005, at Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam.

ACSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Brunei Darussalam	Mr Chong Chee Kiong (Chair) Ms Rosni Hj Jair
Cambodia	Chhieng Phana
Indonesia	Ms Purwantjastuti Ms Nuning Barwa
Lao PDR	Mr Vongtavanh Chiemsisourath
Malaysia	Ms Anis Talib Dr Tan Luck Pheng
Myanmar	Not present
Philippines	Ms Celia L Ong Ms Esperanza Moya
Singapore	Dr Celine Valeria Liew Dr Alain Khaiat
Thailand	Mrs Narupa Wongpiyaratthanakul Dr Simon Young (Secretary)
Vietnam	Not present
ACA	Mr Apinan Rothanavibhata Mr Tonny Pranatadjaja (Co-chair)

Introduction of the Meeting by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and introduced the objective of the meeting which was to focus on review of the ASEAN Handbook of Cosmetic Ingredients. The delegates then introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment. It was agreed that the critical deliverable for this meeting was to review a significant proportion of the entries in the ASEAN Handbook of Cosmetic Ingredients and that timing of the agenda would be flexible in order to spend as much time doing this as possible.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Actions from the 2nd ACSB Meeting

The secretary reviewed key actions from the previous meeting most of which were on the agenda for completion at this meeting.

Agenda Item 3 & 4 – ASEAN Handbook Review

Summaries of reviews and proposals for each of the 96 ingredients had been precirculated by designated ACSB members as agreed. Each proposal was summarised by the secretary and discussed by ACSB members where required. Proposals were then agreed by unanimous vote in the spirit of ASEAN harmony.

All 95 ingredients were reviewed with the following results

AHCI Annexe	Proposals Agreed	Further Review Required
I Banned List	8 ingredients	3 ingredients
II Restricted List	34 ingredients	9 ingredients
III Colourants	11 ingredients	2 ingredients
IV Preservatives	8 ingredients	1 ingredient
V UV Filters	16 ingredients	4 ingredients
Total	77 ingredients	19 ingredients

Key points

- A product may contain an ingredient also used in pharmaceuticals and still be classified as a cosmetic (if it is safe, delivering cosmetic benefits and making cosmetic claims. A product may contain ingredients typically found only in cosmetics and still be unsafe or classifiable as a pharmaceutical.
- The ingredients are reviewed against human safety criteria. Some ingredients e.g. CFCs will have an environmental impact. This is outside the current remit of the ACSB and the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive. National environmental legislation is normally across all product sectors rather than specific to one e.g. cosmetics.
- The 76 proposals for deletion of ingredients from the ASEAN Handbook of Cosmetic Ingredients and the resulting entries in the annexes of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive are attached as Attachment 1.
- The 19 ingredients requiring further review and discussion are summarised, with specific actions, in Attachment 2.

Agenda Item 5 – Summary of Proposals to be Presented to 5th ACC Meeting

The secretary summarised the decisions taken and the actions agreed to be proposed by the chair to the 5th ACC Meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Period after Opening – Update on European Experience

Issue will be addressed by circulation of COLIPA guidance notes on the subject by the secretary.

Agenda Item 7 – Microbiological Test Limits – ASEAN Review

ACA Made a short presentation summarising current ASEAN and International guidelines and regulations on this subject.

Action to be taken

- ACA (Mr Apinan Rothanavibhata) to circulate presentation and ACSB Members to provide feedback for an ASEAN guideline.

Agenda Item 8 – Notes for Guidance Document

Roger Montigny of COLIPA presented an approach to producing an ACSB guidance document based on EU and Japanese guidelines

Action to be taken

- Roger Montigny to send presentation to ACSB Secretary for distribution. Alain Khaiat to liase with M. Montigny for future guideline development.

Agenda Item 9 – Borderline Products – EU Update

Deferred until next meeting. Discussions are ongoing between EU Member States, the European Commission and COLIPA to clarify this area and will be reported to ACSB when agreement has been made.

Agenda Item 10 – Election of New ACSB Co-Chair

Mr Chong stepped down upon completion of his term as Chair of ACSB. Mr Pranatadjaja moves from Co-Chair to Chair, and Mrs Anis Talib of Malaysia was proposed as, and gracefully accepted the position of Co-Chair of ACSB. Dr Young continues as ACSB secretary. The ACSB members expressed their appreciation of Mr Chong's contribution as the first chair of ACSB and welcomed Mr Pranatadjaja and Mrs Talib to their new positions.

Agenda Item 11 – Changes to the EU Directive

There have been a significant number of changes to the ingredient annexes of the EU Cosmetics Directive since they were used as a basis for those of the ASEAN Directive. In particular, over 600 new ingredients have been added to the banned list, and a significant number to the other annexes.

It was agreed that review of the 600 new banned ingredients will be a priority for discussion at the next ACSB meeting.

Action to be taken

- ACSB Secretary to circulate review table for the new banned ingredients to ACSB Members by end of December 2005.
- ACSB members to provide feedback on whether to adopt or discuss each ingredient ban to ACSB Secretary by end of May 2006.
- Recommendations on additions to the ASEAN Directive banned list to be made to ACC following the 5th ACSB meeting in 2006.
- ACSB Secretary to circulate review table for additions to other EU ingredient annexes by end of March 2006 for prioritisation and discussion at next ACSB meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – AOB, Summary and close of meeting

One point of AOB was raised by the secretary. It was proposed and accepted that future versions of the ASEAN Handbook of Cosmetic Ingredients and the ingredient annexes of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive would be listed in alphabetical order to make them more user-friendly. Singapore proposed that INCI names should be used in the lists wherever available as these are more well know and will be the nomenclature required for full ingredient labelling in ASEAN. This proposal was also accepted.

The Chairman then summarised the meeting and thanked the ACSB members, ACA and observers for their valuable inputs, comments and attention before closing the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ACSB will be held back to back prior to the next meeting of the ACC.