

**Report on EC-ASEAN Cosmetics Sector, PMS 1  
Capacity Building in Laboratory Expertise  
Jan – May 2006**

**EC-ASEAN program updates**

**1. Proficiency Testing (PT)**

a. Chemical PT (completed)

The PT report on the chemical analysis for 6 Asean Cosmetic Methods (ACMs) by the EU expert had been distributed in February 2006 to the participants. They are the harmonized methods for colorants, tretinoin, steroids, heavy metals, preservatives and hydroquinone in cosmetics.

b. Microbiological PT (In-progress)

The PT for the microbiological analysis for 2 ACMs, the Preservative Efficacy Test and the Microbial Limit Test are still in progress.

The chemical PT report will be discussed at the workshop in July 06 to understand the testing capability of Asean laboratories in using the Asean Cosmetic Methods. Corrective action and recommendations can then be made for future methods and PTs.

**2. Video CD**

The instructional video CDs had been produced by the 4 Asean countries in 2004/05 on the practical steps for the 8 harmonized test methods. They were to be reproduced by the EC-ASEAN secretariat and given to all the Asean countries. The distribution to the Asean countries had not been done yet.

**3. Draft Work Plan**

PMS 1 delegates had not met since the last workshop in Singapore in Dec 2005. However, through email, they expressed keen interest in continuing to meet and improve laboratory expertise. Countries expressed the need for equipment, reference standards, chemical reagents, chromatographic materials and training.

A tentative workplan is put up as follows:

**Capacity Building in Laboratory Expertise, Cosmetics Sector  
Draft Work Plan for Post-Marketing Surveillance 1 (PMS1)**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<p><b>A. Meeting</b></p> <p>1. Title</p> <p>2. Duration</p> <p>3. Venue</p> <p>4. Participants</p>	<p>Regional Workshop on Asean Cosmetic Methods (ACMs), Identification of Cosmetics containing Illegal Adulterated Substances and Identification of Sub-standard Cosmetics Imported into Asean.</p> <p>Review capacity of Asean Laboratories to carry out tests for items listed above .</p> <p>3 days (1<sup>st</sup> week of July 06)</p> <p>KL, Malaysia</p> <p>1 EU Expert 3 Asean Senior Experts (Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand) 2 delegates each from 10 Asean countries.</p>	<p>Regional Workshop on Asean Cosmetic Methods (ACMs), Identification of Cosmetics containing Illegal Adulterated Substances and Identification of Sub-standard Cosmetics Imported into Asean.</p> <p>Review capacity of Asean Laboratories to carry out tests for items listed above.</p> <p>3 days (1<sup>st</sup> week of July 07)</p> <p>Asean country</p> <p>1 EU Expert 3 Asean Senior Experts (Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand) 2 delegates each from 10 Asean countries</p>
<p><b>B. Training</b></p> <p>1. Title</p> <p>2. Duration</p> <p>3. Venue</p>	<p>Laboratory attachment to gain expertise in advanced analytical techniques for cosmetic analysis.</p> <p>2 weeks in September 06</p> <p>Leading Asean cosmetic laboratories</p>	<p>.</p> <p>Laboratory attachment to gain expertise in advanced analytical techniques for cosmetic analysis.</p> <p>2 weeks in September 07</p> <p>EU cosmetic laboratories (regulatory/manufacturing/testing)</p>

4. Participants	2 delegate each from rest of the Asean countries.	1 delegate each from Asean countries to be designated Asean Cosmetic Reference Laboratory (To identify 2-3 labs)
<b>C. Equipment and Supplies</b>		
1. Equipment	To identify equipment and supplies needed by Asean countries to do cosmetic analysis.	To identify equipment and supplies needed by Asean countries to do cosmetic analysis.
2. Supplies (reference standards, chemical reagents, chromatographic materials, etc)		
<b>D. Proficiency Testing</b>		
1. Title	Proficiency Testing on ACMs by Asean Countries	Proficiency Testing on ACMs by Asean Countries
2. Duration	Once a year	Once a year
3. Venue	Asean cosmetic laboratories	Asean cosmetic laboratories
4. Participants	Asean delegates	Asean delegates
5. Provider	Leading Asean laboratories	Leading Asean laboratories

#### 4. Future Plans

Some plans may be considered in the future for PMS 1 laboratories. They are the accreditation of Asean laboratories in the field of cosmetic analysis. There could also be collaboration between Asean and European laboratories on cosmetic analysis to gain expertise and exchange information.

Mrs Wong Geok Eng  
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