



THE EIGHTEENTH (18TH) MEETING OF THE ASEAN COSMETIC COMMITTEE (ACC)

21-22 November 2012, Solo, Indonesia

1. The 18th Meeting of the ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) was held on 21-22 November 2012 in Solo, Indonesia. The meeting was preceded by the following events at the same venue:

- 17th Meeting of the ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body (ACSB) on 19 & 20 November 2012 and;
- Meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the ASEAN Member States of the ACC on 20 November 2012 and;
- 1st Meeting of the ASEAN Cosmetic Testing Laboratory Committee (ACTLC) on 20 November 2012.

2. The Meeting was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Cosmetic Association (ACA). Representatives from the cosmetic industry of ASEAN Member States were also in attendance as observers.

3. UPDATE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND OTHER DECISIONS IMPACTING THE COSMETIC SECTOR

The ASEAN Secretariat updated the meeting on the recent developments in Economic integration initiatives in ASEAN as well as the relevant decisions made at AEM, SEOM and the 39th ACCSQ Meeting and other developments related to the cosmetic sector.

- The SEOM had endorsed the revised ASEAN Good Regulatory Practice Guide (AGRPG) and the ACCSQ is exploring support from Japan and the US to assist with the implementation of good regulatory practice based on the AGRPG by Member States through awareness programmes.
- The 2nd ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on TBT Cooperation has been proposed to be held in September 2013 in Brunei Darussalam and the ACCSQ is considering the issues to be discussed at the Ministerial meeting.

4. FOLLOW-UP FROM THE 17th ASEAN COSMETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The ASEAN Secretariat briefed the meeting on the matters arising from the 17th ACC Meeting held on 11-12 July 2012, in Siem Reap, Cambodia and the follow up actions taken on the matters arising from the meeting.

- The Meeting was informed that the European Commission (EC) had provided information as requested by the ACC on the implementation of the EU cosmetics regulation such as the requirements for nano-materials ingredients, e-commerce of cosmetic products, qualification of safety assessors in-market control of cosmetics, and carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction (CMR) ingredients.
- The Chair briefed the Meeting on the decisions made by the HoD during the ACC HoDs Meeting held on 20 November 2012 in Solo, Indonesia.
 - a) Challenges faced with the implementation of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD)
 - The HoDs discussed the challenges faced with the implementation of the ACD and noted that Member States are still facing difficulties with the post-market surveillance of notified cosmetic products.
 - b) Public-Private Forum
 - The HoDs noted the recommendations from the ACA for the Public-Private Forum (PPF) and requested ACA to provide some recommendations on the theme/topics for the next PPF.
 - c) AEC Scorecard
 - The HoDs agreed to consider additional measures that need to be monitored for effective implementation of the ACD at the regional level for inclusion in the AEC Scorecard after the analysis is carried out on the information gathered from Member States on implementation gaps.
 - d) Concerns from Personal Care Products Council
 - The HoDs noted the concern raised by the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC) on the challenges faced with the implementation of the ACD.

5. PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN COSMETIC DIRECTIVE

The meeting discussed the following matters related to the effective implementation of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD).

- Status of implementation of the notification system for placement of cosmetic products by ASEAN Member States

Member states updated the meeting on the status of implementation of the appropriate measures to support the notification for placement of cosmetic products by manufacturers, including the efforts taken for the publication of notified products on their respective websites

The Meeting discussed the interim measures adopted by the respective member states to overcome the current challenges faced for product traceability, noting the role of the regulators to ensure consumer protection

- Issues faced by the industry following the implementation of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive

The representative from ASEAN Cosmetic Association (ACA) briefed the meeting on the progress of its activities related to the support for the implementation of the ACD and the expansion of its membership.

The representative from the ACA provided feedback to the meeting on the issues faced by the industry following the implementation of the ACD, including the capability to prepare the Product Information File (PIF).

- Raising consumer awareness on the implications of the ACD and the safe use of cosmetic products

Member states updated the meeting on the policies, strategies and efforts taken at the National level to raise consumer awareness and understanding on the safe use of cosmetic products.

The Meeting also discussed the final draft framework of the ASEAN Consumer Information Handbook revised by ACA, taking into consideration the feedback received from member states.

The meeting also discussed strategies for cooperation which includes sharing of information and empowering the consumers for the safe use of cosmetics.

- Enhancing the capability of SMEs to comply with the ACD

The Meeting discussed the feedback from the member states with regards to the capability of the SMEs' capability to meet the requirements of the ACD, the challenges faced with the preparation of the PIF and compliance to safety.

The Meeting discussed the development of an implementation plan for the preparation and availability of PIF and the implementation and monitoring of the GMP requirements by the Member States.

The meeting also discussed the efforts carried out by ACA to assist the SMEs in enhancing the capability of SMEs to meet the requirements of the ACD.

○ Post market surveillance

The meeting discussed the regional efforts in post marketing surveillance of cosmetic products as sustainable measures to stress the importance of the safety, quality and claimed benefits of the cosmetic products.

The meeting discussed the national efforts taken by their respective enforcement authorities on the PMS of cosmetic products for the effective implementation of the ACD and key problems encountered.

Malaysia highlighted relevant portions of the bi annual statistical report of unsafe cosmetic products in ASEAN, and updated the meeting on the newly appointed coordinator for the Post Market Alert System.

➤ 82 alerts involving 127 products

91 products alerted under cosmetics category – 8 from Malaysia, 76 from Singapore and 7 from Thailand

62% alerts are due to non-compliance to the annexes of the ACD

- Annex II - 75%
- Annex III - 4%
- Annex IV - 4%
- Annex VI - 17%

Breakdown based on product types

- Hair Products - 62%
- Eye Products - 24%
- Lip Products - 8%
- Skincare Products - 4%
- Oral & Dental Hygiene - 1%
- Others - 1%

○ Harmonisation of standards for the cosmetic sector

The ASEAN Secretariat updated the meeting on the feedback received from member states on the availability of corresponding national standards and its degree of equivalence with the identified ISO standards published by ISO/TC 217.

Indonesia and Thailand updated the meeting on the equivalence of the technical contents of the standards with the corresponding requirement with the ACD.

6. REPORT OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE ASEAN COSMETIC TESTING LABORATORY COMMITTEE

The chair of the ASEAN Cosmetic Testing Laboratory Network (ACTLC) briefed the meeting on the outcome of the ACTLN Meeting held on 20 November 2012 in Solo, Indonesia.

The Meeting took note of the progress made by the ACTLC on the proposed new ASEAN Cosmetic Methods (ACMs) and the working paper on technical assistance for cosmetic testing.

7. REPORT OF THE 17TH ASEAN COSMETIC SCIENTIFIC BODY MEETING

The chair of the ACSB reported to the meeting the outcome of the 17th ACSB Meeting held on 19-20 November 2012 in Solo, Indonesia.

The meeting discussed the issues and recommendations from the ACSB to support the effective implementation of the ACD and considered follow up actions as necessary.

❖ Discussion on the Commission Implementing Directive 2012/21/EU

The Secretary summarized the changes to the Commission Implementing Directive 2012/21/EU which will be implemented on 1st September 2013.

Annex III Part 2 - The provisional use of Hydroxyethyl-2-nitro-p-toluidine (CAS No 100418-33-5) (Ref# 10) and HC Red No 10 + HC Red No 11 (CAS No 95576-89-9 + 95576-92-4) (Ref# 50) will be moved to Annex III Part 1 Ref# 277 and Ref# 278 respectively.

Annex III Part 1 - 1-Naphthol (CAS No 90-15-3) (Ref# 16) and Resorcinol (CAS No 108-46-3) (Ref#22) have set the authorized maximum concentration limits on application to 2.0% and 1.25% respectively.

Annex II - Because of its low margin of safety, N-(2-Nitro-4-aminophenyl)-allylamine (HC Red No 16) and its salts (CAS No 160219-76-1) will be listed in Annex II, Ref# 1373.

Annex III Part 1 – 24 new substances have been added as Ref# 253 to 276

❖ **Discussion of adoption of Commission Implementing Directive 2012/21/EU**

The Meeting discussed the implication of the changes and the implementation date.

Member States provided the various views on the proposed implementation date and grace period. In this regard, the Meeting agreed to adopt the changes by 1st December 2013 or earlier. The implementation date for existing products containing these ingredients would be subjected to Member States' decision.

Actions - Member States to implement the changes by 1st December 2013 or earlier.

❖ **Discussion on the feedback to adopt EU Cosmetic Regulation Annexes**

Secretary presented the feedback received from Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore on adopting EU Cosmetic Regulation Annexes.

The Meeting discussed the relevance between the EU Cosmetic Product Safety Report and the ASEAN's safety assessment guideline and requested ACA to review the documents. In this regard, the meeting agreed to the formation of a taskforce comprising of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and ACA to follow up on this issue.

The Meeting also discussed the elimination of Annex V from ACD Annexes and agreed to review this at the next ACSB meeting.

Actions - The taskforce consisting of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and ACA to review the EU Cosmetic Product Safety Report and collate feedback from regulators and industry for discussion at future meetings.

Members to review the implication of elimination of Annex V for discussion at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

❖ **Discussion on a working definition for nanomaterials and its safe use in cosmetic products**

ACA presented the various definitions for nanomaterials.

The Chair highlighted that Member States might wish to consider taking reference from other working groups like International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Cooperation on Cosmetic Regulation (ICCR).

Thailand clarified that ISO has not set up a working group under ISO TC217 to work on the characterization of nanomaterials.

In this regard, the Meeting agreed for ACA to provide update at the next ACSB meeting if there are further developments on the definition, use and labeling requirements for nanomaterials.

Actions - ACA to update the Meeting on the progress and further developments with regard to the definition, use and labeling requirements for nanomaterials at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

❖ **Discussion on feedback from National Dental Associations on the use of Hydrogen Peroxide at concentrations between 6% and 35%**

Secretary presented the feedback received from Brunei, Cambodia, Singapore and Thailand on the use of Hydrogen Peroxide between 6% and 35%.

Cambodia and Indonesia updated the Meeting that the use of Hydrogen Peroxide at concentrations between 6% - 35% is in accordance to the current ACD requirements. Philippines shared that teeth-whitening products containing Hydrogen Peroxide with concentrations up to 6% are controlled as per current ACD requirements and that there is currently no available data for teeth-whitening products containing more than 6% Hydrogen Peroxide. Thailand informed that teeth-whitening products containing more than 6% Hydrogen Peroxide are regulated as medical device.

The Meeting requested that Laos PDR, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam to provide inputs on this agenda item pending consultation with their respective national dental associations.

Action: Laos PDR, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam to consult their respective national dental associations and provide inputs at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

❖ **Discussion on new proposals**

A) Annex II

➤ **Clarification on the entries ref# 21, 293, 323 and 419 in relation to ASEAN**

The Meeting noted Malaysia's feedback on the relevance of the EU documents within the ASEAN context. Philippines agreed to review the EU source documents with reference to entries ref# 21, 293, 323 and 419 and propose how it can be presented in ASEAN context. Philippines will circulate their recommendations to Member States before the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Actions: Philippines to review and circulate their proposal(s) before the 18th ACSB Meeting.

➤ **Proposal to include all the CAS numbers for Trichlormethine (INN) and its salts (ref#327) to follow COSING**

The Meeting noted Indonesia's request to include all CAS numbers for ref #327. Malaysia proposed to either remove or list all related CAS numbers with a disclaimer statement that the list is non-exhaustive.

The Meeting discussed the following three options and agreed to consider these options together with agenda items 8(A)(iii) at the 18th ACSB Meeting:

- Option 1: To remove all CAS numbers
- Option 2: To include all CAS numbers
- Option 3: List CAS numbers along with the ingredients under the "Substance" column

Action: The Meeting to review the options for further deliberation at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

➤ **Proposal to include the CAS number/s for ref# 411 and 420 as in Cosmetic Directive for better clarity**

Secretary proposed to include the CAS numbers for ref #411 and #420 as per COSING for better clarity.

The Meeting discussed the following three options and agreed to consider these options together with agenda items 8(A)(iii) at the 18th ACSB Meeting:

- Option 1: To remove all CAS numbers
- Option 2: To include all CAS numbers
- Option 3: List CAS numbers along with the ingredients under the "Substance" column

Action: The Meeting to review the options for further deliberation at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Proposal to remove CAS number, 8024-12-2 for ref#450 in the CAS Number column for better clarity**

Secretary highlighted that the CAS number, 8024-12-2 under the column "CAS Number" should be removed as it refers to Verbena absolute, which is allowed to be used in cosmetic products.

The Meeting discussed and agreed that the entry of the CAS number, 8024-12-2 for ref#450 in the CAS Number column is a typo error and should be removed with immediate effect.

Actions: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly.

- **Proposal to use 'alpha' for ref# 649, 650 and 1053 following Cosmetic Directive**

The Meeting noted and agreed to maintain the alpha symbol in the ACD Annexes.

- **Proposal to include the terms (Ethylene Glycol monomethyl ether (EGMME) and 2-Methoxyethanol for ref# 665 for better clarity**

The Meeting noted and agreed to Secretary's recommendation to include the common names 'Ethylene Glycol monomethyl ether (EGMME)' to 2-Methoxyethanol for ref# 665 for better clarity.

- **Proposal to include the terms (Ethylene Glycol monoethyl ether (EGMEE) and 2-Ethoxyethanol for ref# 666 for better clarity**

The Meeting noted and agreed to Secretary's recommendation to include the common names 'Ethylene Glycol monoethyl ether (EGMEE)' to 2-Ethoxyethanol for ref# 666 for better clarity.

- **Proposal to remove ref#A1140 from Annex II since it is already in Annex III, part I ref# 186 and in Annex II ref# 1370 (as traces in ingredients)**

The Meeting noted Malaysia's proposal to delete ref #A1140 from Annex II since it is reflected in Annex II ref #1370 and Annex III, Part I ref #186.

Singapore shared that Diethylene Glycol (DEG) was added into Annex II of the ACD in 2007. This substance was added into Annex II of EU Cosmetic Directive at a later date. The Chair highlighted that the Meeting needs to consider capturing the trace limits of substances such as lead and mercury that are currently not listed in Annex III in a separate table.

In this regard, the Meeting agreed to retain ref# A1140, to delete ref# 1370 and review the issue of trace limits of substances at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Action: ACSB Secretary to update the Annex and member states to review the issue of trace limits and provide inputs at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

B) Annex III

➤ **Proposal to remove footnote (5) since it is the same as footnote (1) in Annex III**

Indonesia proposed to remove footnote (5) since it is the same as footnote (1) in Annex III, Part 1.

Singapore clarified that footnote (1) refers to ref #9 and #9a when used singly or in combination whilst footnote (5) refers to ref #8 and #8a when used singly or in combination. Removing footnote (5) would mean that the substances under these four entries can be used singly or in any combination of ref #8, #8a, #9 and #9a.

In this regard, Member States agreed to review and discuss at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Action: Member States to review this proposal at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

➤ **Clarification on interpretation on footnote (3)**

Indonesia sought clarification on the interpretation of footnote (3). The meeting noted Singapore's clarification that the use of hydroquinone as a hair dye substance has been added into Annex II, thus making footnote (3) is no longer be valid.

Indonesia sought further clarification on the use of resorcinol with other oxidative hair dye substances and was requested to raise this as a new agenda item for discussion at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Action: Indonesia to raise the use of Resorcinol with other oxidative hair dye substances as new agenda item for discussion at the 18th ACSB Meeting

- **Proposal to remove the footnote (3) for resorcinol, ref#22**

Malaysia proposed to remove the footnote (3) for Resorcinol, ref #22. The Meeting noted and agreed to Thailand's and Vietnam's requests for this agenda item to be discussed at the next ACSB meeting.

Action: Member States to review and discuss the removal of footnote (3) for resorcinol, ref #22 at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Proposal to reduce the number of footnotes by transferring the information to column 'E' for ref #98, 99,100,101 and 207**

Malaysia proposed to reduce the number of footnotes by transferring to column 'E' for ref# 98, 99, 100, 101 and 207. The Meeting noted and agreed to Cambodia's and Philippines' requests for this agenda item to be discussed at the next ACSB meeting.

Action: Member States to review the proposal to reduce the number of footnotes by transferring the information to column "E" for ref# 98, 99, 100, 101 and 207 at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Proposal to include the statement "As a preservative, see Annex VI, Part 1, No.5" in column 'E' for ref #13**

The Meeting agreed to include the statement "As a preservative, see Annex VI Part 1, No.5 in column "E" for ref #13.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly

- **Proposal to include the statement " As a preservative, see Annex VI, Part 1, No. 34" in column 'E' for ref #45**

The Meeting agreed to include the statement "As a preservative, see Annex VI Part 1, No.34 in column "E" for ref#45.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly

- **Proposal to include the statement "As a preservative, see Annex VI, Part 1, No. 43" in column 'E' for ref #54**

The Meeting agreed to include the statement “As a preservative, see Annex VI Part 1, No.43 in column “E” for ref#54

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly

- **Proposal to include the statement “As a preservative, see Annex VI, Part 1, No. 54” in column ‘E’ for ref #65**

The Meeting agreed to include the statement “As a preservative, see Annex VI Part 1, No.54 in column “E” for ref#65.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly

- **Clarification on the field of application and the corresponding maximum authorized concentrations for Boric acid, Borates (ref#1a) and Tetraborates (ref#1b)**

Indonesia sought clarification on the maximum authorized concentrations of boric acid in tetraborates and on the statement “excluding bath products and hair waving products” in column C in ref #1a.

The Meeting noted that more time is required for the review on the interpretation of the statement ‘excluding bath products and hair waving products’ in column C in ref #1a and agreed to discuss at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Action: The Meeting to review and discuss at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Clarification on rationale for the requirement to label ‘may cause sensitization in the event of skin contact’ for Thioglycolic acid ester (ref#2b) but not for Thioglycolic acid and its salts (ref#2a)**

Indonesia proposed for inclusion of the warning statement “may cause sensitization in the event of skin contact’ for ref #2a to be consistent with ref #2b.

Malaysia highlighted that this warning statement is not found in the current EU Cosmetic Directive. Taking into consideration that further review is required, the Meeting agreed to discuss the inclusion of the warning statement in ref #2a at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

Action: The Meeting to review and discuss at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Proposal to have consistent label warning, ‘wear suitable gloves’ for ref# 8, 8a, 9 and 9a**

The meeting agreed to Indonesia's proposal to include the label warning 'wear suitable gloves' for general use for ref #8, #8a, #9, #9b to be consistent with the label warning which is currently required for professional use.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly

- **Proposal to add "under three years of age" after the statement 'Powdery products intended to be used by children' in column C for Talc (ref#59)**

The Meeting discussed and agreed to retain the current statement 'Powdery products intended to be used by children' in column C for Talc.

- **Discussion on the warning statement, 'avoid contact with the eyes' for Benzalkonium Chloride (ref#65)**

The Meeting noted Indonesia's withdrawal of the proposal to discuss the warning statement, 'avoid contact with the eyes' for Benzalkonium Chloride (ref#65).

- **Proposal to have the same cautionary statement, 'Contains hydroquinone, do not use on children under the age of 12 years' for Hydroquinone (ref #14) and Hydroquinone methylether (ref# 95)**

The Meeting noted Indonesia's proposal and requested for Indonesia to review and provide inputs on the safety data of Hydroquinone (ref #14) and Hydroquinone methylether (ref# 95) in artificial nail systems.

Action: Indonesia to review and provide inputs on the safety data of Hydroquinone (ref #14) and Hydroquinone methylether (ref# 95) in artificial nail systems at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

- **Proposal to include the mandatory warning statement, 'Not for use around the eye area' for Thioacids and their derivatives (ref#A7) as agreed at June 2008 meeting in Bali, in addition to the statement made in column 'E'.**

The Meeting noted and agreed to the proposal include the mandatory warning statement, 'Not for use around the eye area' for Thioacids and their derivatives (ref#A7) as agreed at June 2008 meeting in Bali, in addition to the statement made in column 'E'.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly.

C) Annex IV

- **Clarification on the interpretation of the contact time for the term 'briefly' in the field of application under Column 4 of Annex IV**

Indonesia sought clarification on the interpretation of the contact time for the term 'briefly' in the field of application under Column 4 of Annex IV and whether a hair colorant with the instructions to have a contact time of 15 minutes meet the above criteria.

ACA shared that there is currently no specific timeline to define the term 'briefly'. Singapore clarified that Article 4 of the ACD suggested that colouring agents intended solely to colour hair may not be listed in Annex IV, Part 1. Philippines highlighted that the new EU Cosmetic Regulations refer such products as rinse-off products and would like to make a proposal at the next meeting to better interpret the meaning of column 4 of Annex IV.

Action: Philippines to present the proposal at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

D) Annex VI

- **Proposal to amend the statement 'Products rinsed-off' to 'Rinse-off products' in column D of 1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-2 pyridon and its monoethanolamine salt (+), ref#35**

The Meeting discussed and agreed to amend the statement 'Products rinsed-off' to 'Rinse-off products' in column D of 1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-2 pyridon and its monoethanolamine salt (+), ref#35.

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly.

- **Proposal to remove the word "only" from "(a) Rinse-off products only" in column D of Benzethonium chloride (ref #53)**

The Meeting discussed and agreed to remove the word "only" from "(a) Rinse-off products only" in column D of Benzethonium chloride (ref #53)

Action: Secretary to update the Annex accordingly.

- ❖ **Discussion on Annex VII preamble on the labeling requirements for sunscreen products: ‘Do not stay too long in the sun, even while using a sunscreen product’**

Thailand informed the Meeting that they have three warning statements that must be printed on sunscreen products and this is not in the exact statement as “Do not stay too long in the sun, even while using a sunscreen product”.

The Meeting discussed and agreed to mandate the warning statement, “Do not stay too long in the sun, even while using a sunscreen product”. The Chair highlighted to ACA to advise industry accordingly.

Action: Secretary to update the ACD Annex.

- ❖ **Discussion to adopt the document on the pilot risk assessment of botanical ingredients**

ACA updated the Meeting on the revised document on the Botanical Safety Assessment Guidelines based on the feedback received.

ACA clarified Malaysia’s feedback to include toxicity studies. Indonesia raised their concerns of including proteins, lipids and carbohydrates as ‘basic data set’ under section ‘Chemical Characterization’ of botanical raw materials. In this regard, the Meeting noted Indonesia’s request to conduct internal consultation.

Actions - ACA to modify the document to take into Indonesia’s inputs and circulate the final document for adoption

- ❖ **Discussion on the safety profile of potassium azeloyl diglycinate**

ACA presented a paper on the safety profile of potassium azeloyl diglycinate.

The Meeting agreed to consider the presentation as a document for information.

- ❖ **Proposal to review the rationale of previously recorded decisions on borderline products in instances that had not been reflected in the final report**

Secretary updated the template to capture the rationale of the decisions made as stated in the past meeting reports. For entries which did not capture the

rationale of the decisions made, Secretary provided suggestions based on the interpretation of the meeting reports.

The Chair highlighted that the template capturing decisions on borderline products is only a guidance document to help Member States in classifying borderline products.

The Meeting agreed to review the revised template and feedback to Secretary.

Action – Members to review and provide feedback to the Secretary by the 18th ACSB meeting.

❖ **Discussion on the product classification for denture adhesive and nail glue**

Indonesia requested to discuss on the product classification for denture adhesive and nail glue.

The Meeting noted and agreed to consider the inputs from Members States, as a document for information

Action: Secretary to update the template for the Decision History on Borderline Products accordingly.

❖ **Discussion on the feedback received from National Medical Associations on the use of AHA at concentrations above 30% – Member States**

Secretary presented feedback received on the use of AHA at concentrations above 30%.

The Meeting noted Indonesia's and Singapore's inputs to maintain the current ACD requirements for AHA, Annex III, Part 1 ref #A6. The Meeting noted that for (iii) maximum concentration for AHA would be subjected to Member States discretion in consideration of existing medical professional use.

Actions: Member States to consider the documentation for differing regulatory approaches for the above and other substance at the 18th ACSB Meeting.

❖ **Safety Assessment of methylisothiazolinone and Kathon CG when used in combination**

ACA presented a paper on the safety assessment of methylisothiazolinone (MI) and Methylchlorisothiazolinone/methylisothiazolinone (MCI/MI) used in combination.

Thailand commented that MCI/MI when used in combination with MI is considered safe.

The Meeting noted that preservatives containing MCI/MI are commercially available as a mixture with an average ratio of 3:1. Singapore shared with the Meeting that a range of 2.9 to 3.28:1 is acceptable for use in cosmetic products.

The Meeting agreed to consider the presentation as a document for information.

❖ **Feedback from Member States regarding the Guiding Document template proposed by Philippines to adopt for each agenda item**

Secretary presented feedback received with regard to Philippines' proposal to adopt the use of the guiding document template for agenda items.

The Meeting discussed and agreed to adopt the Guiding Document template for the 18th ACSB Meeting. Philippines proposed that the Meeting provide information on the issues to be discussed according to the Guiding Document template that is to be collated and circulated by the ACSB Secretary 6 to 8 weeks before the next meeting.

Action: Member states to use the Guiding Document template for the 18th ACC Meeting

❖ **Proposal to establish trace limits for Dioxane in cosmetic products**

The Meeting discussed and agreed to review the proposal to establish the trace limits for 1,4-Dioxane after the International Conference on Cosmetic Regulation (ICCR) has finalized and published the document on trace impurity levels of 1,4-Dioxane in cosmetic products.

Action: Member States to review the proposal to establish the trace limits for 1,4-Dioxane after the ICCR has finalized and published the document on trace impurity levels of 1,4-Dioxane in cosmetic products.

❖ **Change of ACSB Secretary and Term of Chair and Alternate Chair under ACSB TOR**

The Meeting noted that the current term for Chair and Alternate Chair is due and agreed to the nomination of Indonesia and Thailand as the incoming Chair and Alternate Chair respectively.

The Meeting recorded its thanks to the current ACSB Secretary, Miss Stephanie Chan and noted ACA's proposal on the nomination of Miss Eeme Datu as the incoming ACSB Secretary.

❖ **AOB**

The meeting noted that Myanmar's inputs are still pending and in this regard, requested ACSB Secretary to follow up accordingly.

Philippines requested to join the taskforce in reviewing the EU Cosmetic Product Safety Report and collate feedback from regulators and industry for discussion at future meetings.

Action: ACSB Secretary has followed up with the inclusion of Philippines in the taskforce in reviewing the EU Cosmetic Product Safety Report.

8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THE COSMETIC SECTOR

○ Cooperation with EU

The representative from EU, Mr. Paul Mandl updated the meeting on the progress made with the Technical Assistance and capacity building under the ASEAN Regional Integration Support by EU (ARISE) to support the effective implementation of the ACD.

○ Cooperation with China

The meeting discussed the comments received from member states on the proposed Terms of Reference of the ASEAN-China Cooperation in the Cosmetic Sector.

The meeting also informed about the key issues which need to be discussed with the representatives from AQSIQ and/or SFDA.

○ Support for CLMV under the initiative for ASEAN Integration

The ASEAN Secretariat briefed the meeting on the available support for CLMV to narrow the implementation gap and the available mechanisms.

The ASEAN-6 shared with the meeting on the available training programs that could be extended to CLMV.

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam provided feedback on the specific areas for technical assistance to support the implementation of the ACD

The ACA informed the Meeting that it will be able to provide trainings to the CLMV at no cost. In this regard, the Meeting agreed to include the support from ACA in the proposed work plan.

9. COUNTERFEIT COSMETICS

The meeting shared information on the prevalence of counterfeit cosmetics in ASEAN and mechanisms adopted at the national level to combat counterfeit cosmetics in ASEAN.

The ACA was requested to include the information on counterfeit cosmetics in the ASEAN Consumer Handbook.

10. AEC SCORECARD

The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of measures for the cosmetic sector in the AEC Scorecard and considered follow up actions as necessary.

11. POOL OF COSMETIC SAFETY EXPERTS

Malaysia updated the Meeting on the progress of activities of the National Cosmetic Safety Expert Committee (CoSEC) including an update on its experts. Malaysia agreed to continue to share more information on the progress made by the CoSEC in the future meetings.

12. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 19TH ASEAN COSMETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The Meeting expressed appreciation to:

- Lao PDR for the offer to host the 19th ACC Meeting on 21-24 May 2013;
- Malaysia for the offer to host the 20th ACC Meeting on 25-28 November 2013.

13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The meeting considered and adopted the Report of the 18th ASEAN Cosmetic Committee Meeting held on 21-22 November 2012 in Solo, Indonesia.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, the representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Cosmetic Association expressed their appreciation to the National Agency of Drug and Food Control, Indonesia, for the warm hospitality extended and the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting. The delegates also expressed their appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat for the assistance provided to the Meeting.

**The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of
ASEAN cordiality and solidarity.**

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