

**INGREDIENTS USED IN COSMETIC PRODUCTS ARE SAFE**  
**(Statement from President, CTFAS. December 2002)**

**From: President, CTFAS**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Some recent publications and/or Internet rumors refer to the fact that cosmetic products use ingredients that are not safe.**

**The reality is simple:**

**A lot of good research is done on cosmetic ingredients around the world. There is an independent panel of experts called the CIR (Cosmetic Ingredient Review) who evaluates the scientific data available and makes recommendations either to eliminate the ingredient, or to restrict the use concentration or that the ingredient is safe or that the ingredient is safe or that additional data is required. In addition, government bodies like the US FDA, the EU Commission or the Japan Ministry of Health evaluate the ingredients and/or the products for their safety.**

**All manufacturers of raw material ingredients go through a lot of testing to establish their safety.**

**In addition, each company has its own testing program, which usually includes both in-house and outside independent testing. Most often these are done under a dermatologist control. Only if the product is found to be safe, it is launched.**

**In Malaysia and Singapore, by law, cosmetic ingredients must be listed on product labels.**

**The population should rest assured that the products are safe when used as directed. The CTFAS member companies are taking all steps to ensure this safety.**

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