



Technical Guidelines for Research on Freckle-removing and Whitening Cosmetics (Draft for Comments)

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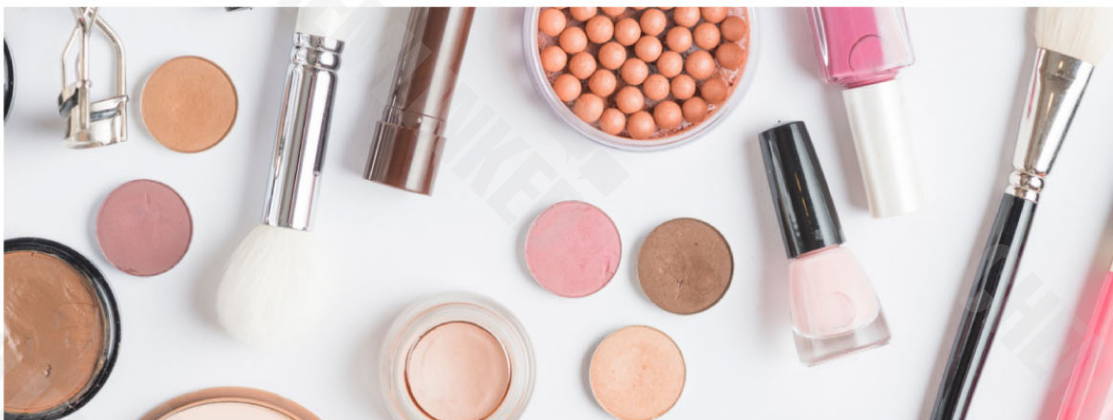
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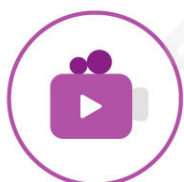


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I. Introduction

According to the *Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulations* (hereinafter referred to as the CSAR), cosmetics used for freckle removing and whitening belong to special cosmetics and are subject to registration management. In 2021, the CSAR were officially implemented, setting higher requirements for the quality and safety of cosmetics, while encouraging and supporting research and innovation in cosmetics. Therefore, it is necessary to systematically sort out the technical issues related to the research of freckle-removing and whitening cosmetics and provide corresponding guidance.

In order to standardize and guide the overall principles of the early research stage of freckle-removing and whitening cosmetics, the *Guidelines* is formulated with reference to the CSAR and supporting regulations. The *Guidelines* is only based on current knowledge and provides scientific suggestions for the research and evaluation of freckle-removing and whitening cosmetics. The applicability thereof shall follow the principle of case-by-case analysis. Cosmetic registrants can choose other more effective methods or technologies based on scientific considerations, but they must comply with the objective laws of cosmetic research and development and the basic requirements of the *Guidelines*, and have sufficient and reasonable scientific basis. With the development of technology, deepening of cognition, and accumulation of experience, the *Guidelines* will also be gradually revised and improved.

II. Scope of Application

The term "freckle-removing and whitening cosmetics" in the *Guidelines* refers to the cosmetics that use "freckle-removing agents" or "whitening agents" in the formulas to help alleviate or slow down skin pigmentation, and is not applicable to products that only have a physical covering effect.

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