



Technical Guidelines for the Use Purpose of Cosmetic Ingredients (Draft for Comments)

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1 Overview

In order to standardize the use purpose of cosmetic ingredients, these technical guidelines are hereby formulated based on the relevant requirements such as the definition and classification of cosmetics in China, combined with the information on the use purpose of ingredients in the registration and notification of cosmetics and new cosmetic ingredients, and by referring to related materials on the use purpose of cosmetic ingredients abroad.

2 Application Scope

These technical guidelines provide technical references for registration and notification applicants to fill out the use purpose of ingredients in a standardized manner when applying for registration or handling notification of cosmetics and new cosmetic ingredients.

3 General Principles of Use

Registration and notification applicants shall objectively and reasonably fill out the main use purpose of ingredients in the formulas based on their intended actual effects when added to cosmetics. Formulas of cosmetics that claim to have hair dyeing, hair perming, freckle-removing and whitening, sunscreen, anti-hair loss, acne-removing, anti-wrinkle (excluding physical effects), anti-dandruff, and deodorization efficacies usually contain ingredients with corresponding use purposes. For example, sunscreen cosmetic formulas contain sunscreens.

The use purposes and descriptions of cosmetic ingredients are detailed in the attached table below.

Attached Table

Catalogue of the Use Purposes of Cosmetic Ingredients

No.	Use purpose	Description
1	Preservative	Used in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Safety and Technical Standards for Cosmetics (STSC)</i>
2	Sunscreen	Used in accordance with the requirements of the <i>STSC</i>
3	Colorant	Used in accordance with the requirements of the <i>STSC</i>
4	Hair dye	Used in accordance with the requirements of the <i>STSC</i>
5	Hair perming agent	Helps cosmetics change the curvature (curling or straightening) of hair and maintain relative stability, and the hair cannot be restored to its original state by immediate washing after use
6	Freckle-removing and whitening agent	Helps reduce or slow down skin pigmentation, enabling cosmetics to have freckle-removing and whitening efficacies
7	Anti-hair loss agent	Helps improve or reduce hair loss, enabling cosmetics to have an anti-hair loss efficacy
8	Anti-hair loss auxiliary agent	Added to anti-hair loss cosmetics to assist in exerting an anti-hair loss efficacy
9	Acne-removing agent	Helps reduce or slow down the occurrence of comedone (including blackheads and whiteheads), or helps the skin recover after comedone occurs, enabling cosmetics to have an acne-removing efficacy



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