

Guidance on Application and Review of New Cosmetic Raw Materials

This guidance document is applicable as a guide for the application and evaluation of new cosmetic raw materials.

1. Definition of a new cosmetic raw material

New cosmetic raw materials refer to natural or synthesized raw materials used in the manufacture of cosmetics for the first time in China.

2. Safety requirements of new cosmetic ingredients

New ingredients in cosmetic products should be non-hazardous to human health under normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use.

The toxicological assessment data of new cosmetic raw materials should contain a summary of the assessment, necessary experimental toxicological data and a safety evaluation of substances with possible safety risks contained in the raw material.

Under normal requirements for the safety evaluation of new cosmetic raw materials, the following toxicological tests should be performed:

- 1) Acute oral and acute dermal toxicity test;
- 2) Skin and acute eye irritation / corrosion test;
- 3) Skin allergy test;
- 4) Dermal phototoxicity and photosensitivity test (must be performed if the raw material has UV absorption properties)
- 5) Mutagenicity test (should at least include a gene mutation test and a chromosome aberration test);
- 6) Sub-chronic oral and dermal toxicity test;

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