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China Issues Draft Amendments to Cosmetics Regulations

On 20 July 2015, the State Council released the updated draft of the Regulations on the Supervision and Administration of Cosmetics as amended by the China FDA. This is the first revision since this regulation was published in 1989. The draft is now open for public comments. The amended draft contains seven chapters and 79 articles, including on raw materials and products, production, labeling and advertising, supervision and management, and legal liability. Compared with the existing five administrative requirements [new material approval; domestic special-use cosmetic approval; approval for the import of cosmetics for the first time (special use and non-special use); cosmetic hygiene licenses; and cosmetic production licenses], the amended draft removes the non-special use cosmetic import approval, and merges the license requirements for cosmetic hygiene and cosmetic production into one licensing system. The amended draft also narrows down the administrative scope for new materials and special-use cosmetics. The amended draft defines oral care products as falling under the scope of cosmetic products, e.g. toothpaste. Imported products would still be allowed to use the Chinese labeling that is attached to the product in addition to the original labeling. Comments may be sent to hzp@chinalaw.gov.cn by 20 August 2015.

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