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Thailand Has Enacted the 2015 Cosmetics Act

The Thai government published Cosmetics Act 2558 (Act) in the Royal Gazette on 8 September 2015. The law, signed by Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha, provides a legal framework for the cosmetics industry and paves the way for an establishment of a "Cosmetics Committee," consisting of bureaucrats, practitioners and academics, to serve as a regulator. The legislation also imposes requirements such as labeling obligations and sets fines for violations of the rule. Notably, Article 34 establishes that if there is any change to prohibited ingredients as listed, producers will have a 180-day grace period to comply with the law. The Act takes immediate effect upon publication in the Royal Gazette. Laws and government announcements issued prior to the Act will remain valid as long as they don't contradict with this legislation. Cosmetics manufacturers, importers, brand owners and suppliers should consult the Act to ensure compliance and conformance.

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