

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



DOH-FDA LEADS THE $31^{\rm ST}$ ASEAN COSMETIC COMMITTEE MEETING AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS

Press Release

The Agreement on the ASEAN Harmonised Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme was signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers on 02 September 2003 to enhance cooperation among ASEAN Member States in ensuring the safety, quality and claimed benefits of all cosmetic products marketed in ASEAN and to eliminate restrictions to trade of cosmetic products through harmonization of technical requirements, Mutual Recognition of Product Registration Approvals and adoption of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD). To date, all ASEAN member states have signed this Agreement and bi-annual meetings are convened to provide updates to this directive.

Upon the signing of the Agreement, the ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) was established, in accordance with Article 6 "Institutional Arrangements" of the Agreement to oversee and monitor the implementation of the Agreement.

The Philippines will be hosting the 31st ACC meeting and its related meetings on 12-15 November 2019 at the Acacia Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Philippines. The ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body (ACSB) and ASEAN Cosmetic Testing Laboratory (ACTLC) will convene its meetings on 12-13 November 2019 while the ACC meeting will be scheduled on 14-15 November 2019.

The meetings will be attended by the regulators from the 10 ASEAN Member States, representatives from the ASEAN Cosmetic Association (ACA), representatives from South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), endorsed members by the cosmetic industry associations, and The ASEAN Secretariat.

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