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Preface

This standard is formulated for the purposes of implementing the Environment Protection Law of the People's Republic of China and reducing adverse impacts of cosmetics on the environment and human health in the processes of production and use.

This standard identifies the environmental protection requirements for raw materials, production process, hazardous substance limit and product packaging of cosmetics.

This is the first version of the current standard.

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Technical Requirements for Environmental Labeling Products

Cosmetics

1 Applicable Scope

This standard specifies the terms and definitions, basic requirements, technical contents and inspection methods for cosmetics labelling products.

This standard applies to cosmetics.

2 Normative References

This standard quotes the provisions of the following documents. If any document is without a marked date, its latest version shall apply.

GB 5296.3	Instruction for Use of Consumer Products— General Labelling			
	for Cosmetics			
GB/T 13173	Surface Active Agents — Detergents — Testing Methods			
GB/T 15818	Test Method for Biodegradability of Surfactants			
GB/T 16288	Marking of Plastic Products			
GB/T 18455	Package Recycling Marking			
GB/T 21097.1	General Rules on Fixed Number of Years of Safety Use and			
	Recycling for Household and Similar Electrical Appliances			
GB / T 27578	Terminology of Cosmetics			
Devolation on Hydrian Commission and Commission (No. 2 Order of Ministers of				

Regulation on Hygiene Supervision over Cosmetics (No. 3 Order of Ministry of Health)

Technical Standard for the Safety of Cosmetics (Announcement No. 268 of 2015, State Food and Drug Administration)

3 Terms and Definitions

Terms and definitions in GB 5296.3 and GB/T 27578 as well as the following term and definition shall apply to this standard.

Cosmetics

It refers to daily used chemical products applied on the surface of any part of human body (such as skin, hair, nail and lip) by way of smearing, spraying or other similar methods to keep body clean, get rid of undesirable smell, protect skin and beautify the face.

[Article 2 of Regulation on Hygiene Supervision over Cosmetics]

4 Basic Requirements

- 4.1 The product shall meet the requirements of relevant quality and safety standards.
- 4.2 Pollutant emissions of the product manufacturers shall meet national and local emission standards.
- 4.3 Product manufacturers shall strengthen clean production in the process of production.

5 Technical Contents

- 5.1 Requirements for Products
- 5.1.1 Products shall not use the substances listed in Table 1.

Table 1 Substances banned in products

No.	Name	
1	Alkylphenol ethoxylates	
2	Phthalates	
3	Heavy metals and other elements (lead, hexavalent chromium, selenium,	
	mercury and their compounds)	
4	Nitrogen triacetic acid	
5	Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid and its salts	
6	Halogenated organic solvents	
7	Glycol butyl ether	
8	Benzene solvents	
9	Fluorescent brightener	
10	Paraffin	
11	Plastic beads	

5.1.2 The mass fraction of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in product shall meet the requirements in Table 2.

Table 2 VOCs Limit for Products

Product	VOCs mass fraction
Nail Polish, Nail Polish Remover	≤65%

Hair Spray	≤10%
Conditioner	≤10%
Toning Lotion / Toner	≤10%
Hair Styling Products with Non-Spray	≤5%
Packaging	
Hair Styling Products with Spray	≤2%
Packaging	

- 5.1.3 The lead content (the amount brought in from raw materials) shall not be greater than 1.5 mg/kg.
- 5.1.4 The mass fraction of phosphate in the product (as P₂O₅) shall be no greater than 0.45%.
- 5.1.5 The biodegradability of the surfactant used in the product shall not be less than 95%.

5.2 Requirements for Production Process

Chemicals such as hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (C2H3Cl3), dichloroethane (CH3CHCl2), trichloroethylene (C2HCl3), carbon tetrachloride (CCl4), trichloromethane (CHCl3), dichloromethane (CH2Cl2), n-hexane (C6H14), bromopropane (C3H7Br), methylbenzene (C7H8) and xylene (C6H4(CH3)2) shall not be used as cleaning solvents.

- 5.3 Requirements for Product Packaging Materials
- 5.3.1 The recycling rate shall not be lower than 80% of the average product mass.
- 5.3.2 Disposable wipes included in the product shall be made of renewable materials.
- 5.3. 3 Any plastic materials with mass over 25g or surface area more than 200 mm² shall be labeled in accordance with the requirements of GB/T 16288
- 5.3.4 The product shall be labeled based on the requirement of GB/T 18455.
- 5.3.5 Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) shall not be used as foaming agents.
- 5.3.6 The total amount of heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium shall not exceed 100 mg/kg.
- 5.3.7 Phthalates, bisphenol A, chlorine-containing substances shall not be added.
- 5.4 Requirements for Product Instruction

- 5.4.1 User Guide or illustrations of User Guide of the cosmetics shall be provided.
- 5.4.2 Expiration date and storage conditions for best-before date shall be indicated.
- 5.4.3 Information on product recycling shall be provided.

6 Test Methods

- 6.1 The test of Technical Content 5.1.3 shall be conducted based on the methods specified in Method 1, Article 1.3, Chapter 4, Safety and Technical Standards for Cosmetics.
- 6.2 The test of Technical Content 5.1.4 shall be conducted based on the methods specified in GB/T 13173.
- 6.3 The test of Technical Content 5.1.5 shall be conducted based on the methods specified in GB/T 15818.
- 6.4 The calculation of Technical Content 5.3.1 shall be conducted based on the methods specified in GB/T -21097.1.
- 6.5 Other requirements in the Technical Contents shall be verified by document review combined with site inspection.