TTIP and Cosmetics – Meeting with Cosmetics Europe
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Participants:

- [TRADE]
- [Cosmetics Europe]

Summary:

- The work on UV filters continues to be the most challenging as those ingredients are considered to be drugs in the US (carcinogenicity studies required). Contacts between EU and US experts are ongoing to discuss the way safety assessment of cosmetics ingredients is carried out in each jurisdiction. Industry noted that it is not feasible to carry out long term carcinogenic studies. A distinction of treatment between UV filters used as primary function of the product (sunscreens) and UV filters used as a secondary function would be useful if legally possible. FDA draft guidance on sunscreens was published for Notice and Comments in the US. Deadline for comments is January 22, 2016. It is of utmost importance that detailed technical comments are provided.

- Labelling (INCI names) and ISO standard of Good Manufacturing Practices should be promoted (important signal to global trade).

- International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) – Industry noted that the outcome of ICCR on many issues such as GMP, alternative methods or traces, should be considered by its members as important input into internal discussions when drafting domestic legislation.