Earlier today, I met with 2 representatives of Cosmetics Europe to discuss their concerns in relation to the Japanese market in view of putting together a second list of NTBs. In preparation to the meeting, we have received the enclosed position paper:

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Cosmetics Europe indicated to us the following order of priorities:
1) Increased transparency and harmonisation of regulations on ingredients in cosmetics/quasi drugs
2) Compatibility of requirements between the different categories of products (cosmetics vs. quasi drugs)
3) Acceptance of chemical substances already approved under REACH Regulations by Japan
4) Acceptance of validated alternative methods to animal testing
5) Simplification of complicated and time consuming cosmetic import process
6) Less restrictive approach to efficacy claims (the industry is aware that this is rather unlikely to happen)

Cosmetics Europe agreed to provide more specific data in order to substantiate better their requests especially in relation to Point 1 (more detailed data will be provided on the regulatory approach in Japan and in the EU and specific examples of products concerned), Point 2 (list of examples will be provided), Point 4 (description of the alternative methods to animal testing will be submitted), Point 5 (specification of the most difficult steps in the import process will be provided).

After the meeting, I will look into the exchange of letters with Korea that put an end to the TBR case on cosmetics and to see whether any of the solutions found back then could be of use with Japan.

Finally, it is to be discussed whether issues that are not new (such as those concerning the cosmetics industry), but are being brought by business only at this rather late stage should be considered for the second list of NTBs. I believe that this was not the initial intention behind the second NTBs list, but in case the issues are well substantiated could be considered.
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Meeting with Cosmetics Europe – now confirmed for 28 July at 10:00 am - details in the attachment.

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