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“Overview of the United States Cosmetics Regulatory Framework”

Abstract:

Cosmetic products in the U.S. are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Although FDA does not have the authority to pre-approve cosmetic products or their ingredients, except color additives, FDA can take enforcement action on cosmetic products shown to be adulterated and/or misbranded. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act has provided for FDA’s regulation of cosmetics since 1938. The Modernization of Cosmetics Regulation Act (MoCRA), enacted in December of 2022, significantly expanded and reformed regulations overseeing cosmetics in the U.S. MoCRA is the result of more than a decade of discussions with stakeholders. Included in the MoCRA provisions are facility registration and product listing, mandatory recall authority, a requirement that FDA propose a rule for a testing method for asbestos in talc-containing cosmetics and mandatory reporting of serious adverse events. This presentation will provide an overview of cosmetics regulations including the major provisions of MoCRA and examples of ongoing work that supports the mission of the FDA to protect public health.