Standards Adoption Workshop for International Standards for Cosmetics

This Standards Adoption Workshop conducted on 22 July 2016 focuses on International Standards for sun protection test methods as well as the definition & criteria for natural and organic ingredients in cosmetics products. A total of 36 participants from 22 organisations attended the workshop.

A participant engaging Dr Alain Khaiat during the question and answer session at the Standards Adoption Workshop

Exposure to ultraviolet radiation is the leading cause of skin cancer and chronic skin damage. Hence, it is always important to apply sunscreen even on a cloudy day. The first session of this workshop, Mr Gary Yao, member of the national mirror working group (NMWG) for ISO/TC 217 focuses on the three International Standards (ISO 24442:2011, ISO 24443:2012 and ISO 24444:2010) for sun protection test methods for cosmetics products, which encompass in vivo assessment for ultraviolet A radiation protection factor of topical sunscreen products and in vitro characterisation of UVA protection in sunscreen products.

The second session of this workshop was focused on ISO 16128, a two part series International Standard that defines the criteria for natural and organic ingredients in cosmetic products. Our speaker, Dr Alain Khaiat, convenor of the NMWG for ISO/TC 217, shared on the development of ISO 16128 and also insights on how to leverage on this International Standards to assist their organisations to gain market access as well as competitive edge in the cosmetic industry.

Singapore Standard for Good Distribution Practice for Medical Device

The SMF-SDO, together with SMF-MTIG, jointly organised an Industry Dialogue on 15 July 2016 at SMF House to collect industry feedback on the Singapore Standard for Good Distribution Practice for Medical Devices (SS GDPMDS) draft. The dialogue was attended by 166 participants from more than 120 organisations.

The core elements of SS GDPMDS focus on the medical device import and distribution-related activities. This Singapore Standard will serve to ensure the quality and integrity of the medical devices throughout the distribution process and will enhance the confidence level as well as to safeguard the welfare of consumers. This standard is expected to be used extensively by importers, distributors and other service providers such as warehousing, logistics and freight forwarders who are involved in the distribution of medical devices in Singapore.

The dialogue panel: (From left) Mr James Wong, Ms Jacqueline Monteiro, Ms Priscilla Koh, Mr Terry Song and Dr Sethuraman Rama

The SS GDPMDS draft document is currently undergoing the final public consultation and will be published in the fourth quarter of 2016. Recognising the importance and impact of the SS GDPMDS, industry stakeholders took the opportunity to seek clarification on the latest updates.

Said Ms Priscilla Koh, a member of the SS GDPMDS Working Group, “The Industry Dialogue has provided a two-way discussion between the drafting team and the medical devices industry stakeholders. From the session, industry came to understand the updates to expect and prepare in advance for this new Singapore Standard.”