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Importance of Safety Assessor Education in Cosmetics Product Information File Management in Taiwan

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Abstract

As the global regulatory framework for cosmetics shifts from pre-market to post-market oversight, it is crucial for the cosmetics industry to implement self-regulatory measures to ensure product safety. In Taiwan, a Product Information File (PIF) management system has been established, highlighting the responsibilities of all stakeholders within the supply chain, including importers and manufacturers. Prior to the market introduction of their products, cosmetic enterprises in Taiwan are mandated to create a PIF and keep relevant documentation for inspection by regulatory authorities. The PIF includes product safety data and safety assessments, which must be conducted and confirmed by qualified professionals. Training in cosmetic safety assessments is vital for ensuring compliance and safety before market entry. The implementation of the PIF management system has resulted in an increased demand for professionals proficient in cosmetic safety assessments in Taiwan. The Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) has outlined regulations governing the management of the PIF, including the educational qualifications and training hours required for individuals responsible for endorsing product safety reports. Since 2016, the TFDA has offered relevant training courses, and since 2019, such training has also been provided by both domestic and international universities. The Taiwanese cosmetics industry is primarily composed of small and medium-sized enterprises, which meet significant challenges in preparing the PIF. To address industry needs and promote the sustainable development of the domestic cosmetics sector, it is essential to offer ongoing training and guidance, as well as enhanced professional development opportunities.

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