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Measures for the Environmental Management Registration of New Chemical Substances (China REACH), known as **MEE Order No.12**, has been enforced since **1 January 2021**. China REACH aims to protect public health and the environment through the management of new chemical substances within China.

Under the provisions of this regulation, companies shall submit a registration application if the manufactured/imported substance is not listed in the Inventory (IECSC). All activities including research, production, importation, and processing must comply with the regulation requirements.

Chemical inventory IECSC amended

The Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC) was first published in 2013. During 2022, new chemical substances were added to the inventory on two different occasions.

In April 2022, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) announced the first addition of 22 new chemicals to the IECSC and in December the MEE added 44 new chemicals to the IECSC.

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Key updates to Hazardous Chemicals Management

In January 2022, China MEE solicited public comments for a draft plan for digital transformation in hazardous waste management ([read more](#)) and launched the National Registration Centre for Chemicals (NRCC) platform ([read more](#)). The NRCC platform is initiated for online registration of hazardous chemicals. In June, the application of Hazchem OR codes was expanded ([read more](#)).

At the same time, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced its plan to add four phthalates to RoHS2 in order to enhance the restriction of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products ([read more](#)).

Hazardous chemical management in China has been strengthened under 2022 and this trend will continue.

New substance submission requirements clarified

In July 2022, the MEE-SCC clarified several questions regarding the registration of new chemical substances in a Q&A conference ([read more](#)). In this conference, tests requirements, annual report requirements, polymer registration, identification information requirements and certificate management questions under MEE Order No.12 were clarified.

On July 20, the MEE sought comments on chemicals that should be assessed as environmental risks with priority in order to implement the 'New Pollutant Management Action Plan' ([read more](#)). To better manage chemical safety, the MIIT published a notice to consults on the GHS labelling standard in October ([read more](#)).

The enforcement of regulations on the preparation of chemical safety labels will replace the current GHS labelling standard GB15258.

Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation (CSAR)

China's State Council published the final version of the **Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation (CSAR)**, and it came into force on 1 January 2021.

The enforcement of the CSAR replaced the Cosmetic Hygiene Supervision Regulations. The CSAR regulates all cosmetic products and cosmetic raw materials in China. Substances are divided into two categories: cosmetic ingredients (new and existing) and cosmetic products. Based on the type of substance, different submission procedures for record filing and registration apply.

All manufacturers, importers and exporters must ensure that their cosmetic products and raw ingredients meet the compliance obligations under the CSAR before producing, importing, and exporting.

Implementation measures for CSAR published

With the enforcement of the CSAR regulation in 2021, the revision of the guidelines on the application of CSAR (2015 edition) was published in March 2022 ([read more](#)) and in September, the draft revision was published for public opinion ([read more](#)).

Good Manufacturing Practice specifications published

In July, a notification on good manufacturing practice 'specifications' for cosmetics was published ([read more](#)). This notification details the requirements for the whole process of cosmetics production and usage, from the purchasing of raw materials to producing, experimenting, storing, selling, and recalling cosmetics.

Adverse Reaction Measures issued by NMPA

The National Medical Product Administration (NMPA) published the final cosmetic adverse reaction measures requiring cosmetic companies to establish systems for monitoring adverse reactions of cosmetics. The measure came into force in October 2022 ([read more](#)).

Meanwhile, the Cosmetic Digital Certificate Enforcement Measure was also published in October ([read more](#)). The enforcement of the digital certificate project shows that no paper-based certificates will be granted for new registrations.

Ingredient submission procedure digitalized

In China existing cosmetic ingredients also require to be notification. The notification platform was launched in 2021. From that time, all existing cosmetic ingredients must be submitted to the NMPA and after submission, a unique code will be granted. The code can replace the submission of ingredient's safety and technical information.

Due to the timeline, in May 2022, the General Department of the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) extended the deadline for submitting certain data ([read more](#)).

Alibaba published first cross-border e-commerce cosmetic compliance rules

Since cosmetic products which are sold via cross-border e-commerce platforms are exempted from registration under the NMPA CSAR, owners of cross-border e-commerce platforms are required to implement cosmetic online rules to regulate online cosmetics. Alibaba International, which is the largest Chinese cross-border e-commerce platform, published "Compliance Rules for Cosmetic Products on Alibaba.com" on 24 October 2022 ([read more](#)).

New test method approved

In November 2022, China NMPA released a new supplementary test method 'BHJ 202203 Determination of 16alpha-hydroxyprednisolone in Cosmetics' ([read more](#)). The test specifies the qualitative and quantitative determination method of the ingredient 16alpha-hydroxyprednisolone in creams, lotions, and liquid cosmetics. In addition, a new standard for skin disinfection was enforced in November 2022 ([read more](#)).

China Key Dates for 2023

- List of Key Controlled New Pollutants (2023) will come into effect on **1 March 2023**.
- Companies must update their children cosmetic's logo to "Little Kingdom" before **1 May 2023**.
- The national mandatory standard of "General Rules on Hazardous Chemical Storage" will be enforced from **1 July 2023**.



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