

**[DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2005-0015,
April 21, 2005]**

**ADOPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN
NATION (ASEAN) HARMONIZED COSMETIC REGULATORY
SCHEME AND ASEAN COMMON TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS**

I. RATIONALE

The collaboration of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) Cosmetic Regulatory Authority and Cosmetic Industry since 1998 to align to national standards resulted to an Agreement on the ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme which was signed by the ASEAN Ministers on its 35th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting on 02 September 2003. Article 3 of this Agreement requires Member States to "undertake appropriate measure to adopt and implement common technical documents." This Order is issued in compliance with the said undertaking.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Department of Health (DOH) shall -

1. Support the members of the Cosmetic Industry who are prepared to enter into the ASEAN regional, if not global market to cosmetics by adopting the ASEAN Harmonized Regulatory Scheme including the ASEAN Common Technical Documents; and
2. Encourage and Support the small and medium enterprises to update their technologies to conform to the ASEAN Standards and Requirements and provide them regular technical information dissemination program through the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) in cooperation with the cosmetic industry association.

III. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Order are:

1. To formally adopt and incorporate the ASEAN Harmonized Regulatory Scheme and the ASEAN Common Technical Documents into the National Requirements.
2. To allow a coordinated transition period for both BFAD and the Cosmetic Industry from the previous cosmetic control policies to the ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme.

IV. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Order shall apply to all Cosmetic manufacturers, traders, exporters, and importers of all cosmetic product(s).