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# General methods on determination of cosmetics - Identification of the emulsion type (w/o or o/w)

# 1 Scope

This standard specifies the methods for the identification of the emulsion type (w/o or o/w) of cosmetics of cream and lotion type by conductivity method, dilution method, dyeing method.

This standard applies to the qualitative identification of emulsion types (w/o or o/w) of cosmetics of cream and lotion type.

# 2 Conductivity method

## 2.1 Principle

Oil-in-water (o/w) products are more conductive than water-in-oil (w/o).

#### 2.2 Instrument

Conductivity meter.

## 2.3 Steps

- **2.3.1** Before testing, correct the instrument according to the requirements of the instrument manual.
- **2.3.2** Select the appropriate range (>10  $\mu$ S/cm). Insert the electrode into the specimen. Observe whether it is conductive.

#### 2.4 Determination of results

If the conductivity is displayed, it is oil-in-water type (o/w). Otherwise, it is water-in-oil type (w/o).

# 3 Dilution method

### 3.1 Principle

Use the principle of similarity-intermiscibility of the emulsified external phase.

### 3.2 Reagents and materials

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