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Inspecting Rules for Cosmetics

1 Scope

This Standard stipulates the terms, definitions, inspection classification, batch rules, sampling scheme, sampling method, determination, re-inspection rules, transition rules, suspension, recovery, and selection of inspection methods for the inspection of cosmetics.

This Standard is applicable to test for product approval, exit-factory inspection and type inspection of various types of cosmetics.

2 Normative References

The following documents are indispensable to the application of this document. In terms of references with a specified date, only versions with a specified date are applicable to this document. In terms of references without a specified date, the latest version (including all the modifications) is applicable to this document.

GB/T 2828.1 *Sampling Procedures for Inspection by Attributes - Part 1: Sampling Schemes Indexed by Acceptance Quality Limit (AQL) for Lot-by-lot Inspection*

GB/T 8051 *Sequential Sampling Plans for Inspection by Attributes*

QB/T 1685 *Requirements of Packaging Appearance for Cosmetic Products*

3 Terms and Definitions

What is defined in GB/T 2828.1, and the following terms and definitions are applicable to this document.

3.1 Test for Product Approval

Test for product approval refers to the inspection of the sensory, physical and chemical properties, hygienic indexes, reliability¹ and toxicology of new cosmetics before they appear on the market.

NOTE: the objective of the inspection is mainly to assess whether the trial production sample has reached the entire content of product standards or technical conditions in the trial production stage. Product approval test report may be considered as

¹ It is a generic term of tests that are conducted to understand, analyze, enhance and evaluate products' various properties in design, materials and process, and improve products integrity. Reliability test items are determined by enterprises in accordance with the characteristics of their products, such as: anti-corrosion challenge test, long-term stability test, transport packaging dropping test, etc.

one of the conditions of applying for appraisal and approval.

3.2 Routine Inspection

Routine inspection refers to the inspection of the sensory, physical and chemical properties (excluding heat and cold resistance), net weight, requirements of packaging appearance, and total bacterial count, molds and yeasts in hygienic indexes for each batch of cosmetics.

3.3 Non-routine Inspection

Non-routine inspection refers to the inspection of the heat and cold resistance in physical and chemical properties, and other hygienic indexes other than total bacterial count, molds and yeasts for each batch of cosmetics.

3.4 Item

Item refers to cosmetics whose basic unit is bottle, stick, bag and box.

3.5 Proper Disposal

Proper disposal refers to the process of picking out individual products that do not comply with the requirements of packaging appearance from an entire batch of cosmetics on the premise of not destroying the sales packaging.

4 Inspection Classification

4.1 Test for Product Approval

After product design is completed, conduct one-time inspection. If product's properties are safe and reliable, further inspection may be unnecessary.

4.2 Exit-factory Inspection

4.2.1 Before exiting factory, cosmetics shall receive batch-by-batch inspection by manufacturer's inspection personnel in accordance with the requirements of cosmetic product standards. Those that pass the inspection may be allowed to exit factory.

4.2.2 Exit-factory inspection items are routine inspection items.

4.2.3 Through risk assessment, and the implementation of inspection, tests, verification and confirmation at a proper frequency within a certain period of time, if the accumulated relevant data can prove its applicability, some routine inspection items (excluding total bacterial count, molds and yeasts) may be exempted during exit-factory inspection.

4.3 Type Inspection

the inspection batch is constituted of several layers, adopt stratified method to take items. It is allowed to put items that are intact after the inspection back to the previous batch.

6.3 In type inspection, non-routine inspection items may randomly take 2 ~ 4 units from any batch of products, then, in accordance with the method stipulated in product standards, conduct the inspection.

6.4 When type inspection is conducted, routine inspection items shall be subject to the exit-factory inspection result. If type inspection is conducted on reserved samples, it is unnecessary to repeatedly take samples.

7 Determination and Re-inspection Rules

7.1 In accordance with product standards, determine whether the inspection results of sensory, physical and chemical properties, net weight and hygienic indexes are qualified. If an index in the inspection result is disqualified, both parties are allowed to jointly re-take samples in accordance with the stipulations in Chapter 6 in this Standard and conduct re-inspection of the index (excluding microbial index). If the re-inspection result is still disqualified, then, this batch of products shall be determined as disqualified.

7.2 In accordance with the determination method in GB/T 2828.1, determine whether the inspection result of the packaging appearance requirements is qualified. When Class-B disqualified products emerge, the manufacturer is allowed to conduct proper disposal of that batch of products, then, re-submit them for inspection. In terms of the re-submission for inspection, conduct sampling inspection in accordance with the double sampling scheme of rigorous inspection. When Class-C disqualified products emerge, the manufacturer is allowed to conduct proper disposal of that batch of products, then, re-submit them for inspection. In terms of the re-submission for inspection, conduct sampling inspection in accordance with the double sampling scheme of rigorous inspection, or, it may be handled by both parties through negotiation.

7.3 When both parties cannot reach a consensus due to different inspection results, an application for arbitration inspection may be submitted in accordance with the product standards and this Standard. The result of the arbitration inspection shall be the basis of the final determination.

8 Transition Rules

The transition rules of the inspection of the packaging appearance requirements shall comply with the stipulations in GB/T 2828.1.

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