The Challenges of the EU Cosmetic Regulation: Practical Advice for the Industry

Speaker Biographies

David Andrew  
Principal Consultant, Toxicology | TSGE Consulting

David is a specialist in mammalian toxicology, providing technical advice and support across all sectors. He has extensive and broad experience from working in industry and government departments in toxicological research, and in the areas of industrial chemical and agrochemical risk assessment. Prior to joining TSGE, David was a senior toxicologist at the UK Pesticides Safety Directorate. He has also held a part-time position as lecturer in toxicology at Leeds Beckett University. David has a degree in Toxicology and Pharmacology and has a PhD in Toxicology. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and also holds European Registered Toxicologist status.

Ray Boughton  
Technical Director | Delphic HSE Solutions

Ray initially completed an Honours Degree in Biology & Psychology before going on to obtain an MSc in Pathology & Toxicology. For over a decade he has specialised in the risk assessment of consumer products and household chemicals, and at present works as the Technical Director for Delphic HSE Solutions. During his career, Ray has published several articles on product safety, and contributed a chapter to the first volume of Global Regulatory Issues for the Cosmetic Industry.

He has presented on risk assessment and chemical regulations to companies around the globe, and lectures on cosmetic safety for the University of Surrey’s MSc in Applied Toxicology. Currently Ray is appointed as Secretary and Vice-Chair of the In Vitro Toxicology Society (IVTS), which works actively on a number of British Toxicology Society (BTS) committees and sits on industry advisory panels for organisations such as the Cosmetic Toiletry & Perfumery Association (CTPA).

Helena Eixarch  
Project Manager, Cosmetics | TSGE Consulting

Helena is a cosmetics project manager providing regulatory support to clients. She is responsible for product label reviews, preparation of Product Information Files (PIFs), collation of Cosmetic Product Safety Reports (CPSRs), Responsible Person (RP) duties and advising on all aspects of regulatory compliance.

Helena has gained extensive experience of the cosmetics industry working as a Regulatory Toxicologist for the major retailer in Spain, where she was in charge of ensuring product compliance with the requirements outlined in the EU Cosmetics Regulation.

Helena has a degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Biochemistry. She holds a Diploma on Cosmetic Products Safety Assessment and a European Registered Toxicologist status.

Alexander Fotheringham  
Compliance Project Coordinator | Microbiological Solutions Limited

Alex completed a degree in biology from the University of Hull and has gained considerable experience and knowledge in the chemical and cosmetic industries. Focusing on microbiology he worked for Evans Vanodine, an international industrial chemical, disinfectant and personal care product manufacturer. This lead to discovering a passion for regulatory work, taking a role in creating Biocidal Product Dossiers for the then looming Biocidal Product Regulation.

Alex has now worked for Microbiological Solutions Limited (MSL), for over two years. They are an integrated provider of both Testing and Regulatory services and act as Responsible Person for some of the world’s leading cosmetic brands. He began working in the microbiological laboratory before transitioning into the regulatory compliance team, where he now advise clients located around the world on all matters appertaining to cosmetic products, their microbiological safety and international compliance.
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Richard Lyons
Compliance Administrator | Microbiological Solutions Limited

Richard’s undergraduate degree was undertaken at the University of Hull where he gained a BSc in Biology. Following his time in Hull, he decided to study for an MRes in Molecular Ecology at the University of Liverpool, focusing on techniques such as DNA extraction and PCR.

Having completed his MRes, he stayed on at the university as a research assistant working with his former supervisor, mainly focussing on the maintenance of plant libraries involved in a long-running climate change study.

Taking a role at Microbiological Solutions Limited (MSL) he found that the part of the job he had the greatest passion for was the regulatory side of the business, making the switch after a year of working in the laboratory. MSL work with clients all over the globe, as well as working with some of the world’s leading cosmetic brands. Richard now works with clients in order to ensure the compliance of their products and to advise them on many other matters relating to cosmetic products.

Sébastien Miksa
CEO | Suncert SAS

Sébastien is the founder and the CEO of Suncert, the first worldwide company dedicated to sunscreen testing certification.

He started his career at L’Oréal in R&I Lipstick, Foundation and Photo protection departments. Sébastien has been involved in sunscreen testing for several years at HelioScreen, he has held various positions as R&D Engineer, Laboratory Manager and General Director. From these positions he has acquired extensive knowledge in the sun protection field.

He has published papers on innovations in this field such as robotic spreading, new reproducible sandblasted plates and the multi-substrates approach. Furthermore, he is a member of AFNOR/S91KGT07 (Sun Protection Test Methods), CEN/TC 392/WG 004 (Efficacy including sun protection products), ISO/TC 217/WG 7 (Cosmetics - Sun Protection Test Methods) and Bipea/Technical Group (Sun protection products - SPF in vivo – UVA in vivo – UVA in vitro).

Núria Pagès
Technical Commercial Advisor | PhD Trials

Núria holds a Bachelor of Science (Biology), a Master’s Degree and Master’s Thesis in Molecular Biotechnology from the Universitat de Barcelona, Spain.

Núria is working as a Technical Commercial Advisor at PhD Trials, a company engaged into the clinical assessment of safety and efficacy of cosmetic products.

For the last five years she has been working in the cosmetic industry, being in charge of designing study protocols and coordinating studies for international and national projects both for finished cosmetics products and for active ingredients.