ISO/TC 217 Meeting held in Cartagena, Colombia
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ISO/TC217/WG 1, Cosmetics, Microbiological standards and limits, 23/ 24-10-2017 | Recommendations and Report

1. Official ISO Recommendations

Recommendation N 158/2017 (Cartagena 1/2017)
Mrs. Tabari and Mr. Ansell were appointed to take notes and recommendations**.**

Recommendation N 159/2017 (Cartagena 2/2017) WG 1 recommends to change the title of ISO/WD 21322 as follows: ISO/WD 21322 Microbiology - Microbiological testing of impregnated or coated products - wipes and masks.

Recommendation N 160/2017 (Cartagena 3/2017)
WG 1 recommends Mrs. Lens to send the revised version of ISO/WD 21322 Microbiology – Microbiological testing of impregnated or coated products - wipes and masks taking into account modifications discussed during WG 1 meeting by the second week of December to Mrs. Tabari. She will send the document to WG 1 experts and ask them to confirm the document by the end of December. The confirmed document will be sent to members as CD for vote and comments.

Recommendation N 161/2017 (Cartagena 4/2017)
ISO/TC 217 agrees to revise ISO 11930 Cosmetics-Microbiology-Evaluation of the antimicrobial protection of a cosmetic product according to the discussion at the WG 1 meeting and confirm the scope. Target dates: 24 months to publication. Project leader: Mr. Okawa (Japan**)**

Recommendation N 162/2017 (Cartagena 5/2017)
The next meeting of ISO/TC 217 WG 1 will be held in conjunction with the other WG meetings in Poland late May 2018.

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2. Report (supplied by T Redeby, H&M)

Agenda: review of 2 items 21322 and WD 11930.

1. **Review of 21322**: **Microbiology - Microbiological testing of impregnated or coated products** - prior discussion held in Sydney 2016 centred on the revision of the standard to a TR due to the generic (nonspecific) content. With an 11 month deadline looming, it was unlikely that a good quality draft would be available for publication considering the current state and content of the draft. The alternative proposal which was acceptable to all present WG members, was to change the title and scope to only include wipes and masks. Initially a general section, followed by a wipes and mask specific section would be included. All comments previously submitted were therefore not applicable in light of the revised document scope and culminated in the achievement of a rough draft document within the WG.

2. **ISO/WD 11930: Cosmetics-Microbiology-Evaluation of the antimicrobial protection of a cosmetic product:** Japan showed test data indicating that the method could be significantly improved. Experts asked to get the test protocol so that more labs could correlate test results and then decide if change of standard is motivated. Project leader: Japan. France mentioned they had used the standard method for 5 years and have had great results from it.

3. **Any other business**: - Legal change in EU REACH will be in force from 2021 and will ban *Triton X100*, which is currently used in microbiology and referenced in the ISO Microbiological standards. It is unclear if all the standards use Triton X-100 and whether there are any other available options. The AFNOR group will liaise with industry participant to understand the chemical availability.
   - USA advised that numerous contract laboratories used only select parts of the ISO standards whilst the laboratory generated report claimed that all ISO aspects included in the standards had been followed and complied with, within the standard. To claim a report follows a standard would entail alignment on

ALL aspects of the standard and not just parts thereof. The control of this aspect fell outside of the ISO scope of control and it was rather suggested that all ISO standards (current and new) align with the ”Challenge test standard” which stated that the whole method had to be used and this excerpt would need to be included into the introductory section of all standards in the future.

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