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Regulatory Update on Quasi-Drugs and Cosmetics

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Abstract

Regulations in the field of quasi-drugs and cosmetics have followed a completely different process. With the establishment of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law in 1960, the regulatory system for quasi-drugs and cosmetics was united. Since then, the introduction of all ingredients, new cosmetic standards, *etc.* has been carried out. Consumer interest in quasi-drugs and cosmetics has become increasingly greater, driven by the recent increase in health awareness. In addition, for quasi-drugs and cosmetics, both inbound and outbound demand in the market is strong, and international distribution is progressing. Under these circumstances, the supply of high-quality and safe products is further demanded. In order to ensure the quality of ingredients blended in quasi-drugs and cosmetics and the safety of products, the Japanese government is reviewing the regulations as needed. This article outlines the transition of regulations in the field of quasi-drugs and cosmetics, with specific examples.

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