**TEMPLATE LETTER**

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**Subject Line:  *Government Issued “Certificate of Compliance” to Facilitate Exports of Cosmetics to China***

We are writing in support of the efforts you are pursuing with our industry’s trade association, Cosmetics Alliance Canada, to establish a process for the issuance of a “Certificate of Compliance” that would meet the provisions within the recent regulatory reforms in China to support the export of Canadian manufactured cosmetics to China without unnecessary animal testing.

We understand that the implementation of these new provisions in China will come into effect on May 1, 2021.  Consequently, we would like to stress the urgency of the need to move forward on a process for compliance certificates.  Given that the May 1 implementation deadline is fast approaching, we would encourage Health Canada to consider establishing an interim provisional process that would enable Canadian manufacturers to benefit from these reforms in China while a more formal process is being developed.

CUSTOMIZE AND INSERT DETAILS:

Our company, (FILL IN NAME), manufactures cosmetic products at our facilities in (LIST CITIES and PROVINCES).  We employ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(FILL IN THE NUMBER) people and export approximately\_\_\_\_% of the products we produce in Canada.

FOR CUSTOM MANUFACTURERS:  Since becoming aware of these developments in China:

- Insert # and frequency of inquiries (i.e. level of interest) from your customers

FOR ALL MANUFCATURERS:  We estimate that these opportunities could represent:

- Increase value or volume of exports in Canada

- Insert % growth estimate (may wish to contextualize in terms of ‘recovery’ (i.e. pandemic)

With respect to the ‘GMP requirements’ referenced within the context of these provisions, our facilities where we manufacture cosmetic products hold (INSERT WHATEVER IS APPLICABLE)

- Drug Establishment Licence (INSERT REFERENCE)

- NHP Site License (INSERT REFERENCE)

- ISO 22716 (or equivalent) Certified (INSERT REFERNCE AND ACCREDITED audit body, if applicable)

- Any other standard (that may be relevant)

Based on the above, we trust you would agree that these developments in China represent a significant opportunity to grow the cosmetics manufacturing and export sector in Canada. We understand that your officials are working diligently to establish a path forward and welcome any details that may be forthcoming in the next few weeks to allow us to plan for export opportunities.

Sincerely,

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