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Background

On March 27, 1996, the Commission issued Decision 96/239/CE on emergency measures to protect against bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The Decision also covers an export ban of cosmetic ingredients obtained from bovines slaughtered in the UK.

As a result of this Decision, the Commission urgently called together the Scientific Committee on Cosmetology and the Ad Hoc Working Party "Cosmetics" for urgent meetings on March 29, 1996 with Colipa in attendance.

As a result of these meetings, the Colipa Board of Directors has agreed to the following recommendation.

Recommendation

Bovine tissues and extracts of bovine tissues from WHO category I should not be used in cosmetic products.

Note : reference for WHO classification is table on page 8 of EC document III/3291/91

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