



## **ICMAD and PBA Respond to FDA Statement on Discontinuing Talks for Cosmetic Legislation**

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**Deer Park, IL**—The Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors and the Professional Beauty Association are disappointed with the FDA’s letter advising that it had precipitously decided to discontinue negotiations with industry on legislation to modernize cosmetic legislation.

Industry met in good faith for over a year with the FDA diligently working to reach a framework that would be the basis for a legislative initiative.

The FDA in its letter to industry that was released this morning mischaracterized the industry’s position and the basis for negotiations breaking down over issues of safety and limitation of the FDA’s enforcement authority. The industry has voluntarily regulated itself and has spent millions of dollars on supporting the safety of our cosmetic products. No one has a greater interest in the safety of its consumers than the industry.

Industry has a very open, clear safety record. ICMAD and PBA sincerely hope the FDA will reconsider its position and reopen the dialog.

Our organization will prepare a more complete statement in the next several days on the FDA’s letter to industry and most importantly portions of the letter which mischaracterize the industry’s positions. We support the statement made by our affiliated organization the Personal Care Product Counsel.

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