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## National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the National Mirror Working Group on Cosmetics under the direction of the Biomedical Standards Committee. This Singapore Standard is an identical adoption of International Standard ISO 10130:2009 "Cosmetics — Analytical methods — Nitrosamines: Detection and determination of *N*-nitrosodiethanolamine (NDELA) in cosmetics by HPLC, post-column photolysis and derivatization" published by the International Organization for Standardization.

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### Introduction

Human exposure to *N*-nitrosamines can occur through diverse sources such as the environment, food or personal care products. As a result of their perceived carcinogenic potential on several animal species, minimization of exposure to *N*-nitrosamines is recognized as important to the preservation of human health. Among *N*-nitrosamines, *N*-nitrosodiethanolamine (NDELA) has been recognized as a potential contaminant of cosmetics.

In this context, several analytical methods have been developed to detect and determine the presence of NDELA in cosmetics. Examples of these methods are gas chromatography/thermal energy analysis, and high performance liquid chromatography coupled either with a mass spectrometry determination or with photolysis and colorimetric quantification. The latter method uses specific technology to ensure specificity towards NDELA, to minimize the risk of artefactual formation of the analyte of interest and to allow precise quantification.

This analytical method uses High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) coupled with postcolumn photolysis and derivatization, in order to separate and detect trace levels of NDELA from a cosmetic ingredient or product matrix with specificity for NDELA.

This International Standard refers to a collaborative study (Reference [2]) involving seven laboratories and published in 2006. Validation criteria are given in Reference [2].

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#### 1 Scope

This International Standard describes a method for the detection and quantification of *N*-nitrosodiethanolamine (NDELA) in cosmetics and raw materials used in cosmetics by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) coupled with post-column photolysis and derivatization.

This method is not applicable to the detection and/or quantification of nitrosamines other than NDELA, nor to the detection and/or quantification of NDELA in products other than cosmetics or raw materials used in cosmetics.

If a product has the possibility of either NDELA contamination from the ingredients or NDELA formation by the composition of ingredients, the method will be applied for the testing of cosmetic products and is an alternative to ISO 15819.

This method is not applicable to matrices containing oxidation dyes.