**Cosmetics Standardization Web-series:**

**#7 Labeling Practices for Cosmetics**

**February 28, 2023**

**16:00 – 17:30 EAT**

**14:00 – 15:30 WAT**

**8:00 – 9:30 EST**

**EVENT PROGRAM:**

Kenisha Kromity, Staff Counsel, Legal at the US trade association, the Personal Care Products Council; Maxime Jacques, International Relations Manager at the EU trade association, Cosmetic Europe; and Charles Azuka, Director of Safety and Regulatory Affairs (retired) will discuss labeling requirements for cosmetics in the US, EU and Africa respectively. The short presentations will be followed by an open discussion on labeling requirements for cosmetics moderated by Natalie Obermann, Vice President Global Strategy at the Personal Care Products Council.

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| 16:00 | Opening Remarks |
| 16:10 | **Presentation on Labeling Requirements for Cosmetics in the USA**  **Speaker**  **Kenisha Kromity, Staff Counsel, Legal (Personal Care Products Council)** |
| 16:25 | **Presentation on Labeling Requirements for Cosmetics in the EU**  **Speaker**  **Maxime Jacques, International Relations Manager (Cosmetic Europe)** |
| 16:40 | **Presentation on Labeling Requirements for Cosmetics in Sub Saharan Africa**  **Speaker**  **Charles Azuka, Director of Safety and Regulatory Affairs** |
| 16.55 | **Discussion on labelling practices for cosmetics** |
| 17:30 | **Closing Remarks** |

**REGISTRATION:**

**You can register for the event using the following Zoom registration link:** [**REGISTER HERE**](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqduquqzIiG9ZY52CqZznYUnb3vzAMKWX2)

**SPEAKER’S BIOGRAPHY:**

**Natalie Obermann: Vice President of Global Strategies (Personal Care Products Council)**

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Description automatically generated Natalie Obermann is the Director of International Trade Policy for the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC) where she works with PCPC member companies to analyze regulatory trends in Latin America and Asia, and global trade developments affecting the cosmetics and personal care industry.

Natalie has over a decade of experience in public policy and trade advocacy. Before joining PCPC, she served as director of Southeast Asia at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), where she monitored and reported on major trade policy and political developments impacting commercial interests in Southeast Asia. She has advocated on behalf of a cross-section of U.S. companies at the highest levels of leadership on issues including regulatory reform, creative economy, consumer goods, IP, financial services and ICT. Natalie also developed the Indonesia Investment Initiative and grew the program over seven years to become the premier business platform in Indonesia.

**Maxime Jacques, International Relations Manager (Cosmetic Europe)**

In his position at Cosmetics Europe, Maxime is working closely with European stakeholders and worldwide authorities and trade associations for cosmetics regulatory convergence and compatibility.  
His aim is to reduce technical barriers to trade while encouraging the growth of the industry. To this end, he provides his expertise to local authorities to find solutions to the regulatory questions that arise with evolving legislations, considering the specificities of each country, and their existing frameworks.  
  
As International Relations Manager, Maxime steers Cosmetics Europe’s regional and issue related expert working groups and takes part in the discussion of different international regulatory cooperation forum (ICCR, IAC) supporting cosmetic innovation, safety, and sustainability.

Maxime graduated as an Engineer in Toxicology in 2017. As part of his education, he conducted several fundamental research projects across Europe in immuno-toxicology, skin biology and dermatology, which heightened his interest in cosmetics and consumer safety.

**Kenisha Kromity, Staff Counsel, Legal (Personal Care Products Council)**

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Description automatically generatedKenisha Cromity is Staff Counsel for Legal & Regulatory Affairs at PCPC. In her current role, Kenisha is responsible for handling legal and domestic regulatory issues facing the industry, serving as a guide to member companies to assist with compliance, as well as in-house legal matters at PCPC.

Since joining PCPC, Kenisha has gained extensive experience with tracking bills and preparing summary memos thereto, engaging with state authorities for the issuance of Good Manufacturing Practices certificates, and providing legal review for a variety of documents. Kenisha also leads task forces for our member companies to address specific topics, such as packaging and claims.

**Charles Azuka, Director of Safety and Regulatory Affairs (retired)**

A person wearing glasses and a suit

Description automatically generated with medium confidence Dr. Azuka Charles graduated with a Ph.D. in Toxicology from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He also holds an MSc in Global Regulatory Affairs from Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts). He is American Toxicology Board Certified (DABT).

He is a safety expert in risk assessments for cosmetics and other Fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) and a Regulatory and Toxicology consultant.

He recently retired from P&G where he served in six separate business units as an R&D scientist, senior scientist, Section head, Regional head, and Director. He led global regulatory and safety teams in multiple categories and regions (including Europe, China, Korea, Japan, and Africa). As the regional head, he led the delivery of regulatory and safety requirements for all P&G initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa.

He continues to be actively involved in Regulatory harmonization work in Africa and was an invited speaker and presenter at several conferences, such as

* Chemical Sciences and Technology Enabling Growth in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria.
* EAC workshop on Transparency Requirements and Procedures on Technical Barriers to Trade, Nairobi, Kenya.
* ARSO General Assembly conference Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
* USAID workshop for Standards and Conformity assessment: Tools to facilitate Trade and Market Access, Mozambique.

Charles has written many technical safety reviews for the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA) of America. Authored and co-authored several articles and papers in peer-reviewed Scientific Journals.