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Annual Report

REACH24H Consulting Group

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Letter from the General Manager

As spring returns, we feel the clock restarting. 2020 was non-traditional year full of many challenges and learning opportunities. We never thought 2020 would be marked by memory-searing events, nor did we think it would be the onset of a new journey for REACH24H. Truly proud of all of our efforts and the level of professionalism shown throughout the company in this past year of change.

Opening up to new opportunities amid the pandemic

The worldwide spread of COVID-19 in the first half of 2020 posed disruptions to many companies, and REACH24H sensed the stressful sentiments from the market since day one. For knowledge-based technical service providers like REACH24H adaptability and constant improvement are the only way to survive. The role of our Company is to offer insight into the market, provide product compliance services, offer diverse solutions to clients, expand business activities into new markets, and seize new opportunities through the integration of its own resources.

In 2020, REACH24H assisted lots of homegrown enterprises in the registration of EPA-related disinfection products in the U.S., making the presence of Chinese businesses notably visible in the U.S. disinfectant market, with the total number of EPA projects up 100% from previous years. In the European market, we set a new record of helping Chinese companies make it to the list of EU approved suppliers within 13 working days, providing professional support to more than 90% of Chinese clients.

Working side by side with clients and partners

The post-pandemic economy seems to now be shaped by fast-level industry transformation and upgrading. Over the past year, REACH24H continued to build on the past, delved into the field of compliance, created value for clients, and won their trust with its know-how. We provided technical services to 10,000+ businesses across the globe, helping high-standard products made in China go global and supporting premium products from various countries enter China and benefit from the huge dividends brought by China's Market.

In the past year, the company acted as a government think-tank and an industry platform, forging partnerships with 60+ organizations worldwide. Together with the Helsinki Chemicals Forum (HCF), the CRAC-HCF 2020 Forum was launched to share insights and debate the current and future of the industry and its global impact, with a 9,000+ visitor virtual event, the first of its kind in the industry. The company took an active part in the development of national standards and industry management systems. *China's Guidelines for Road Transport of Dangerous Goods Packed in Excepted Quantities and Limited Quantities and Guidelines for the Control of the Use of Key Chemical Substances in Consumer Products* were published. For the first time, REACH24H also became involved in the design of safety management systems for local chemicals. By adhering to the precepts of openness, collaboration and win-win, our Company has built a community of mutual development among its clients and partners.

Transformation and innovation

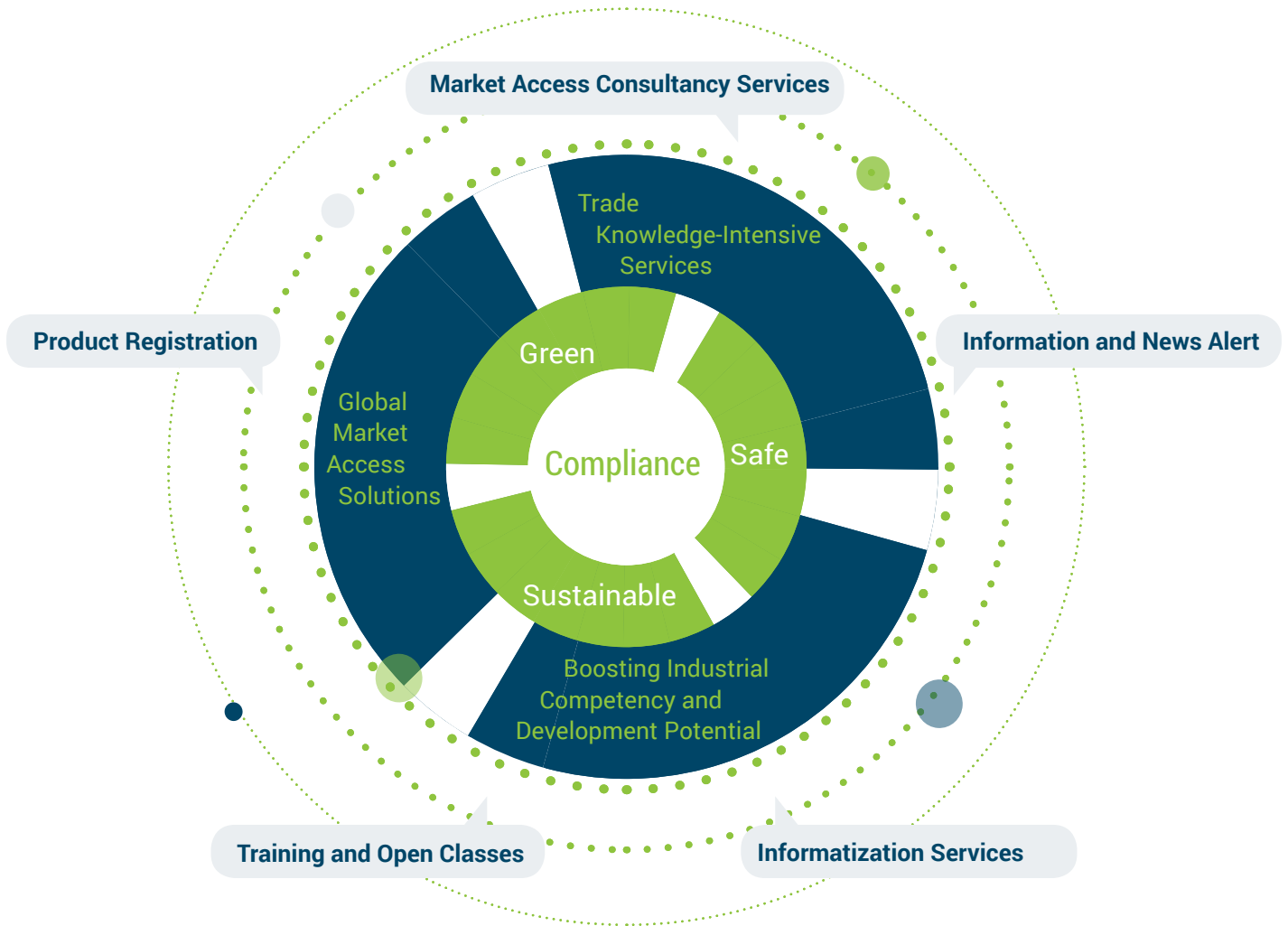
Over the past year, conscious efforts were made to access new areas and give new technologies a go. The company started to move into the field of pharmaceutical services and chemical safety by incorporating Ruiou BaiPharm Service Co., Ltd and Shanghai Haifan Technology Co., Ltd to support their specialised, diversified and group-oriented development. These achievements are attributable to the recognition and support of our clients and partners, as well as our team's efforts. Every step and every decision we made was done with confidence and trust.

2021 marks a new chapter of REACH24H being more group-oriented and diversified. We will look at the 2021 blueprint as the big picture, and from an in-depth strategic perspective. REACH24H is willing to continue to work side by side with all partners along this path of growth, shared benefits and global value. So to all of our global clients, partners and team, thank you for all your support and trust.



Kent Li

About REACH24H



Global Market Access Solutions

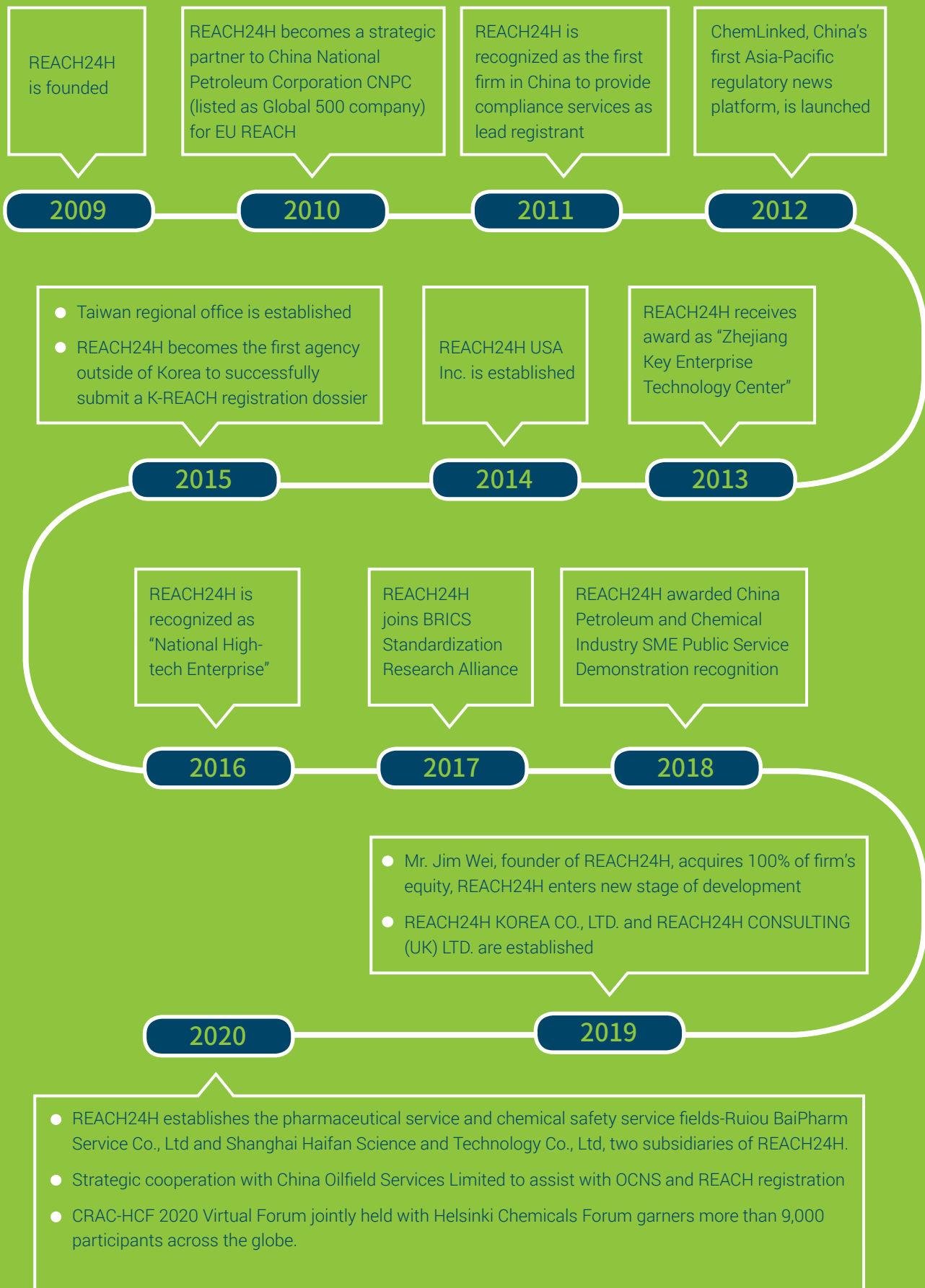
Founded in 2009, REACH24H has long adhered to the mission of Value in Compliance, offering one-stop global market access services for businesses in the industrial chemicals, pesticides and disinfectants, cosmetics, food and food contact materials as well as pharmaceutical industries. To date, REACH24H has helped more than 9,000 companies worldwide overcome technical trade barriers to smoothly navigate the global market.

Trade Knowledge Intensive Services

Among REACH24H's 228 professional staff, over 60% hold a Master's or higher degree in environmental sciences, chemistry, toxicology, food, medicine, pharmacy, and related fields. In addition, REACH24H counts on the support of toxicologists, safety evaluators and risk assessment experts with international certifications who provide high-level technical and consulting services to clients.

Boosting Industrial Competency and Development Potential

REACH24H helps enterprises and high-quality products take an initiative to trade, improving their understanding of technical barriers and assisting international trade departments move from passive to active in the global market. By promoting the concept of full compliance, REACH24H aims for the industry's technological and management development, to support the sustainable upgrade of the supply chain.



Strategy to Develop

Doubling Efforts Through Hard Times

Industrial Chemicals

• 2020 witnessed the release of the *Measures for the Environmental Management Registration of New Chemical Substances (MEE Order No.12)*, which is to replace the former *MEP Order No.7*. The REACH24H technical team quickly analyzed its contents and conveyed a professional technical interpretation, promoting its implementation across the industry. We have gained trust from more clients with professional services. The number of registration projects for China New Chemical Substances Notification still increased by 28% compared with the previous year

Increased by **28%**

• The year 2020 also saw further improvement in our registration projects for chemical substances in Taiwan region. Consulting projects were up by 75% from the previous year. The first PEC Standard Registration was quickly approved in half a year after the implementation of the guidance. REACH24H also obtained the first level III new chemical Standard Registration number. Our achievements in both new chemical and existing chemical registration are in the leading position in the industry. By far, REACH24H has assisted enterprises in successful application for the registration of hundreds of new substances and Phase I registration for tens of thousands of existing substances. The number of our approved standard registration for new substances accounted for more than half of total number of officially-approved projects. There are also tens of Lead Registration projects for PEC chemicals under-going.

• We have continuously optimized the whole management processes of chemicals and emphasized key links of chemicals including import and export, production and usage, storage and waste disposal, as well as sustainable development of the chemical supply chain, and helped enterprises achieve chemical compliance and safety management at the source. In light of enterprises' actual demands, we launched online and offline open classes and trained more than 3,000 attendees throughout the year.

3000+ Attendees

• As the only third-party compliance consultancy agency in China, REACH24H was invited to prepare China's *Guidelines for Road Transport of Dangerous Goods Packed in Excepted Quantities and Limited Quantities*. After 4 years of preparation, the Guidelines were officially released in 2020, playing an active role in improving the road transportation standardized system of dangerous goods in China. As the representative of the Chinese institutions, REACH24H participated in projects to "Improve Transportation Safety Management of Dangerous Goods in China" jointly held by Sino-German international transportation agencies, which introduced the German Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor model to China.

• Since 2016, REACH24H has started following the VOC standards and its connection to the domestic electronics industry. In addition, we have helped tech giants promote a greener supply chain to ensure their products meet national mandatory standard requirements concerning VOCs.

China



- REACH24H reaches a strategic cooperation with China Oilfield Services Limited to assist with Offshore Chemical Notification Scheme (OCNS) and REACH registration.

- As a regulatory compliance service provider for China's vehicle exports to EU, REACH24H pioneers the comprehensive compliance consultancy for access to EU market in the rail car industry.

- Since January 1, 2021, an independent chemical regulatory framework (UK REACH) has come into effect in the UK. With a UK subsidiary established as early as 2019, REACH24H has kept close ties with official agencies in the UK and followed up with the dynamic changes in real time to provide enterprises with information and technical support since Day 1.

- By the end of 2020, we had delivered over 20,000 compliance support concerning REACH regulations for upstream and downstream customers and provided manufacturers with audit services for qualification of small and medium-sized enterprises. With our help, a total of 67 enterprises passed the official enterprise scale audit in EU. An accumulative registration cost of EUR 759,435 was saved and administrative penalties worth EUR 1,279,712.5 were avoided.

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Europe

2000+ Substances

- In 2020, Turkey REACH (KKDIK) 's reached its pre-registration deadline. REACH24H helped pre-register nearly 2,000 substances as agent for over 300 enterprises to win competitive advantage in the market.

- The application for Russian Inventory of Chemical Substances was launched on Nov 11, 2019. With the official implementation of TR EAEU 041/2017, substances not listed in the EAEU Register can only be put on the market after notification of new substances. Our company reacted fast to market demands, and helped enterprises finish their applications in due time before the deadline. All notified substances are now listed in the final Russian Inventory.

100% Listed

- In 2020, Vietnam reopened for the third time the window for additional submissions to the National Chemicals Inventory. The REACH24H technical team swiftly prepared its strategic scheme and submitted supplementation for nearly 1,000 substances within one month, and the rate of successful approval hit 96%. The fourth window for supplementation is open now, REACH24H is continuously providing our high-quality service to the industry.

96% Approved

- In 2020, seeing the great concerns from the industry and targeting at to help our customers enter the Indian market smoothly, REACH24H has stepped up its efforts in studying Indian Chemicals Management and Safety Rule, kept abreast of latest development of policies and regulations and developed its internal technical capability .

Other Countries

Pesticides and Disinfectant

• In 2020, REACH24H achieved major breakthroughs to overcome key technical difficulties in EU Technical Equivalence. Key products exported to EU by enterprises containing out-of-limit impurities. After research across databases, literature analysis and near one hundred (Q)SAR model predictions and evaluations, high-quality (WoE) reports were finalized in line with EU requirements. These offered an overall evaluation of health and ecotoxicity effects of the out-of-limit impurities, and helped enterprises obtain the EU Technical Equivalence of their key products.

• In the context of ongoing pandemic, after analyzing the international disinfectant capacity and demand, REACH24H quickly blazed a trail for the ethanol disinfectant regulatory compliance solutions in Europe within two weeks. Through scheme and process optimization, REACH24H helped a vast number of Chinese enterprises list in the EU BPR Article 95 List of Qualified Suppliers within 13 working days, providing professional support to more than 90% Chinese clients and supporting Chinese disinfection products access the European and American market.

90% Market Share

• In 2020, with the help of REACH24H, the top 100 pesticide companies from China successfully submitted and achieved the Technical Equivalence (TE) for dozens of pesticide products in the UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Czech Republic, Austria, Ireland, etc.



• In 2020, REACH24H helped lots of Chinese enterprises register disinfection products under the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and assisted Chinese enterprises entering the U.S. disinfectants market. The number of EPA Pesticide registration projects conducted this year has increased 100% compared with previous years.

Increased by **100%**

Cosmetics

• In 2020, the *Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation* was officially released.

REACH24H technical team closely followed regulatory changes, analyzed their impact on the global cosmetic industry through various channels and passed on valuable information through news reports and free webinars. This earned trust from more new clients, leading to a business growth rate for cosmetic compliance of 100% throughout the year.

Increased by **100%**



91.2%
Passed

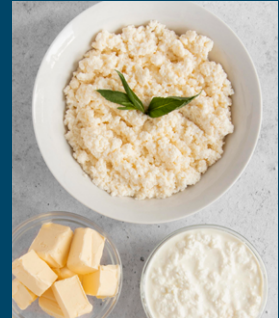
• The Company has accumulated vast experience in the registration and notification of cosmetic finished products. The one-time passing rate of finished product registration and notification is as high as 91.2%. Meanwhile, after years of practical experience in the registration of new cosmetic ingredients, REACH24H was capable of assisting numerous enterprises plan their registration strategies for new cosmetic ingredients according to the new regulation, which lays the foundation for successful market approval in the coming years.

• In 2020, in order to expand its professional team and business development, Mr. Seongmin Sohn was hired as the General Manager of REACH24H KOREA CO., LTD, to further strengthen the capability of market access consulting and market analysis service of cosmetics industry in South Korea.

• Following the new technical requirements under the new cosmetics regulation, REACH24H has cultivated and developed skill capacities in safety assessment, efficacy evaluation, cosmetic ingredients submission, further developing an adverse reaction detection system, etc.

Food

• To bridge difficulties faced by domestic and overseas food enterprises in food raw material and additives compliance and label preparation, REACH24H has integrated regulatory requirements and audit experience into informatization, and built a trilingual platform named "Food Combox". This platform, available in Chinese, English and Japanese, allows clients to issue recipient imports, product compliance, and access templates in one click, providing brand-new intelligent compliance solutions to food enterprises.



Food Contact Materials

• In 2020, REACH24H supported businesses in the field of food contact materials from China, EU, US, Switzerland, and Mercosur in completing notifications, obtaining declarations of conformity and other compliance work. The number of projects increased by 51% compared with previous years.



Increased by **51%**

• In 2020, REACH24H achieved technological breakthroughs in the FCN (Food Contact Substance Notification) application fields in the United States and assisted a company in submitting its FCN of a monomer as the application subject. The company obtained the FCN number in just four months.

Asia Pacific Regulatory Information Platform - ChemLinked



• With a total of 50,000 global members, ChemLinked welcomed over 8,000 new users in 2020. The total unique visitors hit 150,000.

150,000+
Unique Visitors

• In 2020, the new version of the ChemLinked platform came online with updated and optimized services to build a more smart global cutting-edge information platform.

• In addition to industry compliance news, a market insights site was added to expand customer groups. Deep demands of new brands/supply chain services are tapped to provide first-hand market trends and accelerate the entry of overseas brands into China.

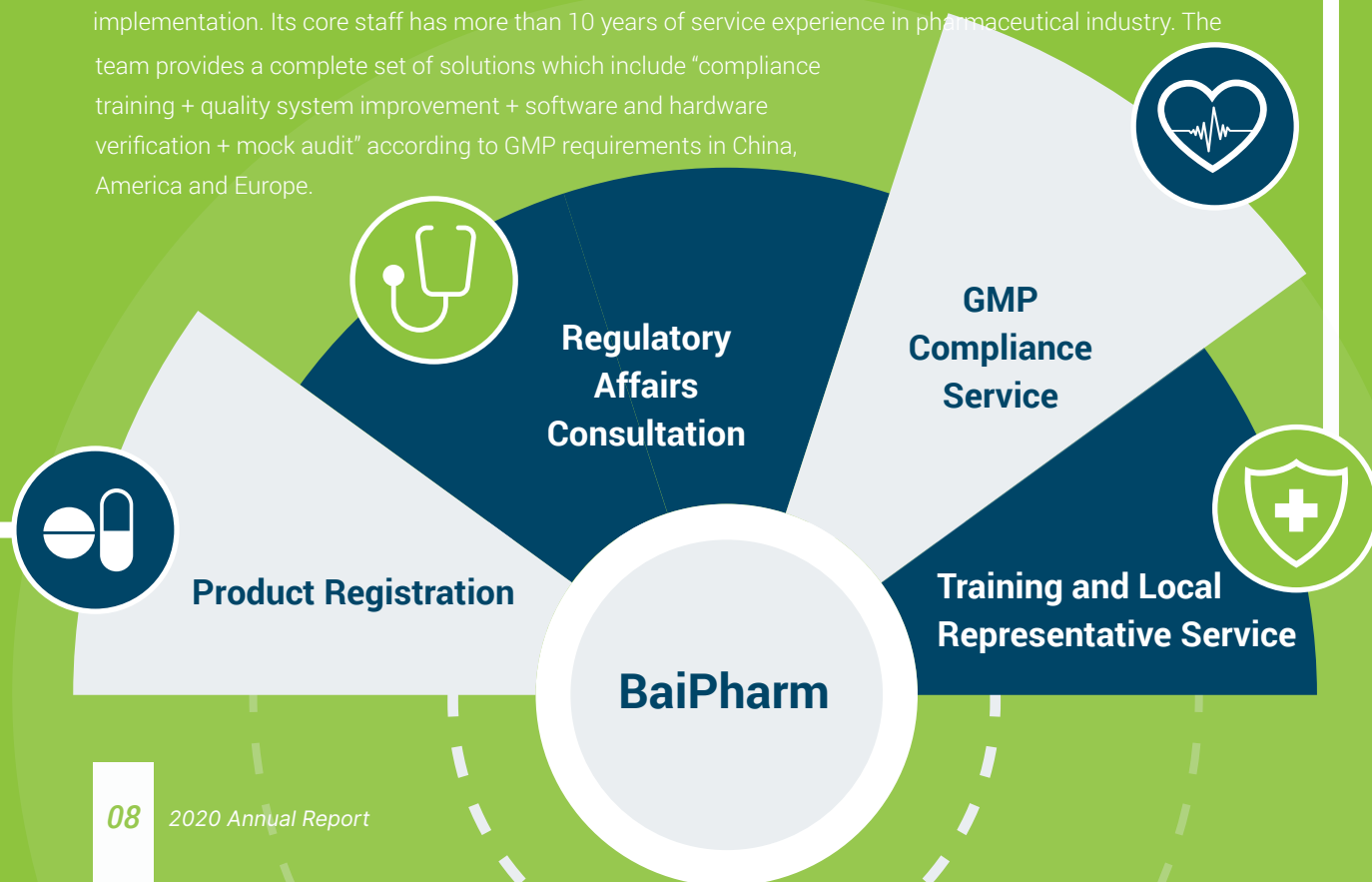
• In the year dominated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, ChemLinked took advantage of its platform and networks to offer services that would have a positive impact. Open customized courses were offered and a recruitment option was added, personal protective equipment supplier platform and crowdfunding platforms were developed to provide more services for users.

Sustainable Innovation

In 2020, after years of efforts to explore new fields and technologies, REACH24H stepped into the pharmaceutical service and chemical safety service fields. Ruiou BaiPharm Service Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Haifan Science and Technology Co., Ltd. were established.

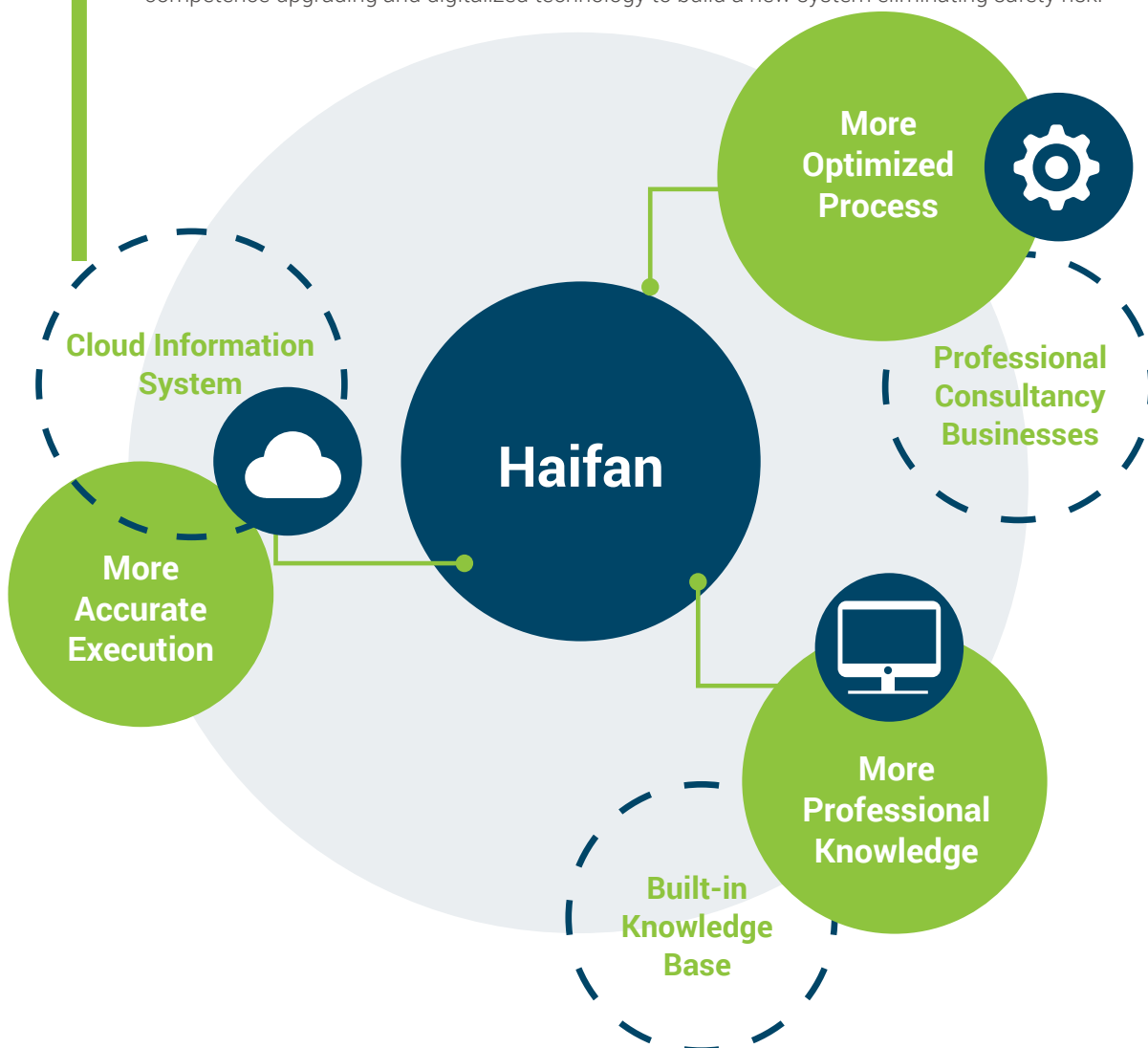
BaiPharm: A One-Stop Compliance Solution for Pharmaceutical Field

- Ruiou BaiPharm Service Co., Ltd provides technical services for the pharmaceutical industry and boasts pharmaceutical regulation technical and GMP compliance service teams. By establishing a comprehensive service platform which integrates pharmaceutical regulatory expertises and trade experiences, we aim to support pharmaceutical companies enter into target global markets.
- The BaiPharm technical team integrates compliance technicians devoted to the study of pharmaceutical regulations in China, US, and Europe for decades. It can provide market access consultancy, product application and registration, post-market surveillance and various regulatory services for innovative drugs, generic drugs, and APIs/excipients/package materials. The service scope covers the whole life cycle of the drug, and registration products involved include tablets (compound products), extended-release tablets, injections, suspensions, sustained release microspheres, ointments, etc.
- The BaiPharm's GMP service team consists of senior experts and a team of over 20 staff for GMP verification implementation. Its core staff has more than 10 years of service experience in pharmaceutical industry. The team provides a complete set of solutions which include "compliance training + quality system improvement + software and hardware verification + mock audit" according to GMP requirements in China, America and Europe.



Haifan Science and Technology: Creating A New Landscape for Smart Safety Compliance

- Shanghai Haifan Science and Technology Co., Ltd. mainly focuses on safety compliance and specializes in delivering leading digitalized technology and software solutions as well as safety consultancy services. It helps enterprises accelerate the transformation from “fragmented” to “integrated” safety compliance.
- The team consists of intra-industry senior safety experts in the industry, experts in plant operation management, and information technical experts with years of professional experience in chemical compliance safety, fire safety, emergency management and information technology. Combining three core advantages of any professional consultancy, development of cloud information systems and built-in knowledge base, it actively seeks solutions suitable for companies' safe development
- With a thorough understanding of companies' internal operations, Haifan can evaluate, predict and prevent potential safety and compliance issues, and help enterprises safeguard employee safety, property safety and credit safety, and improve operation efficiency and innovation speed through system improvement, competence upgrading and digitalized technology to build a new system eliminating safety risk.



Cooperation and Win-Win Benefits

Embracing globalization and win-win cooperation has become an industry consensus. REACH24H prioritizes opening borders to work towards a more “synergic future” with partners to realize mutual benefits and increase industry value.

✿ Strengthen cooperation with embassies and consulates of different countries as well as trade associations to help high-quality overseas brands’ access to China

In 2020, REACH24H continued to strengthen communication efforts and cooperation with its global partners, and built closer ties in compliance and brand development with organizations as the **Consulate of Canada, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, Switzerland Consulate, Philippine Consulate, International Chamber of Commerce, Scottish Enterprise, Latvian Embassy, China-Britain Business Council, Nutritional Supplement Association, Australian Export Council, French Cosmetics Association, and Spanish Cosmetic Association.** These



efforts aim to improve the exposure and compliance safety of high-level overseas brands and propel their entry into Chinese market. Moreover, REACH24H reached framework cooperation agreements with some recognized institutions to further common development and opportunities in the Chinese, broader East Asian and European markets.

✿ Supporting graduates from Zhejiang University

On Oct 22, 2020, a day-event for graduate students was jointly organized between REACH24H and Zhejiang University to help students gain real life exposure, share experiences and receive training from professionals and experts from the company .



✿ Strategic cooperation with Helsinki Chemicals Forum

In 2020, REACH24H and Helsinki Chemicals Forum reached a strategic cooperation agreement and conducted the “Global Action on Sustainable Development” project. Through mutual efforts and industrial influence, managers, researchers and participants from all around the globe came together to jointly conduct sustainable development management projects for global chemicals.

CRAC-HCF 2020 Virtual Forum: Towards a More Synergic Future

From Nov 16 - Dec 10, 2020, the CRAC-HCF 2020 Virtual Forum jointly hosted by REACH24H and Helsinki Chemicals Forum was open to all organizations and businesses across the world for the first time for free with the aim to get more official and industry representatives involved to share experiences and discuss the way forward for the industry, especially in the year of the pandemic.

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6 Sessions



HCF



Chemicals



Pesticides



Disinfectants



Cosmetics



FCM

78 Guest Speakers

86 Topics

9,000+
Registered Participants

- 5% Government authorities
- 72.7% Enterprise representatives
- 7.5% Organizations and associations
- 2.6% Testing organizations
- 2% Global universities and colleges
- 7.2% Others

Cover **91**
Countries and Regions

22,679 Views

35 Partners

2020 Facing a Global Pandemic

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, efforts from all sectors have been made to face the pandemic. Masks, disinfectants and other daily protective supplies have become strategic and vital goods.

While guaranteeing its business continuity and employees' safety and health, REACH24H raced against the pandemic to help ensure access to sufficient personal protective supplies within reach by taking advantages of its global resources, trusted network and professional technical capacities.

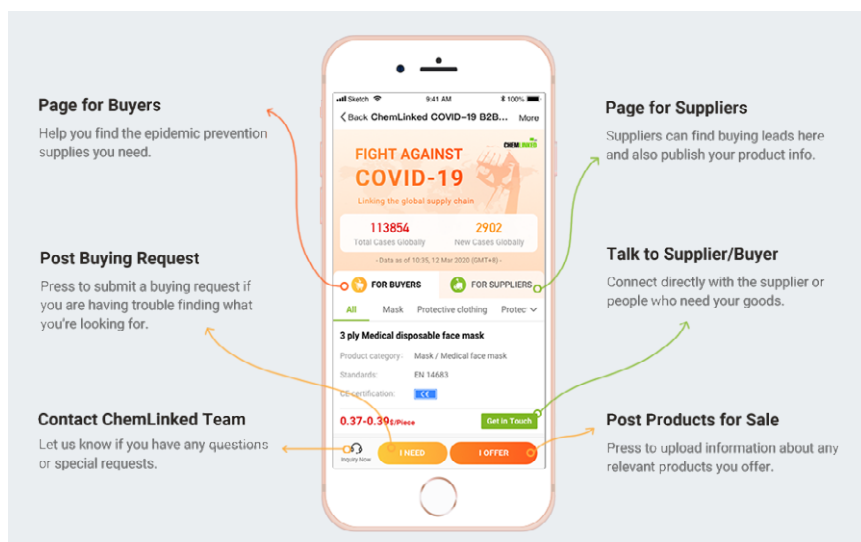
✿ Support for launch of safe and effective disinfection products and “work resumption”

On the 13th day after the outbreak of Covid-19 in China, a large number of non-compliant and unsafe products emerged amid soaring demands for personal protective equipment supplies. Some companies were found to lack selling qualifications and business licenses or registered addresses. Acting swiftly, REACH24H published well-received science articles and developed popularized official enquiry tools thanks to its professional compliance knowledge on disinfection products, which helped consumers distinguish registered and qualified disinfection products.

In response to national queries, REACH24H provided enterprises with free compliance consultancy on disinfection products, and guaranteed the supply and launch of safe compliant disinfectants nationwide. What's more, REACH24H launched live webinars on epidemic prevention and provided support for disinfection companies to help support “work resumption” across the country.

✿ Linking the supply chain to battle COVID-19

During the pandemic, global personal protective equipment (PPEs) supplies were in short supply and resources could not easily be allocated. Accurate and fair access to supply and demand information is one of the key disease resistance measures. ChemLinked rolled out an information sharing platform for personal protective equipment supplies to tackle the mismatched supply and demand of information on PPEs at home and abroad and ensure that more compliant products reached those in real need through effective channels.



Since its launching, the platform has received more than 15,000 visits, and offered a reliable communication platform .

✿ 24-hour race against the pandemic to ensure emergency supply of 4 million masks

At 2:00 a.m. on Mar 20, 2020, REACH24H received an urgent request from the German Ministry of Health. Protective supplies were in short supply in Germany as the pandemic raged on. The German Federal Ministry of Health made a decision to purchase 4 million masks from China. Thus, REACH24H made the quick decision to search for information on Chinese surgical mask suppliers, finalizing compliance audits in record time. The supplies were shipped within 24 hours and delivered to Germany.

✿ Donation of PPE supplies to COVID-19 hard hit areas

In March 2020, the pandemic spread worldwide. After learning that many overseas partners and customers were facing working and travelling restrictions which was further complicated due to shortage of PPE supplies, REACH24H organized the urgent purchase of these supplies and donated them to our overseas clients and partners in COVID-19 severely hit areas.



✿ Care for special groups in the time of COVID-19

In July 2020, REACH24H General Party Branch Committee collaborated with Zhejiang Qinqin Public Welfare Foundation and donated 20,000 disposable masks to help prevention efforts for old and young groups in Xijie Street, Xihu District, Hangzhou City.



Choosing the Right Partner

Pursuit for Mutual Achievements

REACH24H attaches great importance to employees' global vision, diversified ability and professional career development, always adhering to a people-centered principle and advocating for "mutual achievements" benefiting employees and the company. We aim to offer regular training opportunities, resource sharing mechanisms.



✿ Foster a new generation to lead the future of REACH24H - Joint training program with School of Management, Zhejiang University

In 2020, REACH24H cooperated with School of Management, Zhejiang University to initiate a joint training program and set up core business administration courses. A training program was implemented covering first-line managers, all the way to senior managers to promote leadership and execution qualities necessary for REACH24H to succeed in this fast-changing industry.



✿ Support career development of outstanding technical staff - REACH24H training program for lecturers

In 2020, over 60 REACH24H lecturers delivered hundreds of training courses to over 30,000 attendees. To promote employees' professional capacity and create diversified career development channels, REACH24H developed the Internal Lecturer Training to strengthen capacity building.

Joint Achievements

✿ 11th Anniversary - Forging ahead together

On June 19, 2020, the 11th Anniversary of REACH24H marked its step into a new decade.



✿ REACH24H Family Open Day - You Are My Super Star

On September 5, 2020 - REACH24H Family Open Day, family members were invited to get a closer sense of the work environment and groups of REACH24H employees and share their career process and growth together. This offered a warm chance for all employees and family members to meet and show support for the REACH24H community.



Breaking New Ground in 2021

Looking back to the dawn of 2021, REACH24H has always shown a pioneering spirit, from its technical breakthroughs to its open mind to new fields, and from pandemic control to furthering global cooperation.

On this 2021, we look ahead with renewed efforts to blaze a new trail. We will keep promoting the deep integration of new regulatory trends and compliance technologies, and help enterprises take the strategic initiatives to access target markets with an innovative edge. We aim to continue expanding our capabilities to ultimately succeed in driving up this "new track".



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In 2021, REACH24H will continue to cooperate with Helsinki Chemicals Forum and undertake the 13th Chemical Regulatory Annual Conference (CRAC) & Asian Helsinki Chemical Forum(HCF) by fully harnessing global resources and industrial influence.

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October 2021, Hangzhou

Looking forward to meeting you by the side of West Lake!

CRAC 2021

New Challenges and Opportunities in 2021

January 1, 2021

The Measures for the Environmental Management Registration of New Chemical Substances (Order No. 12) are formally enforced

The Measures for the Environmental Management Registration of New Chemical Substances (Order No.12) were officially implemented on January 1, 2021. The Measures for the Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances (Order No. 7) released by the former Ministry of Environmental Protection in 2010 were repealed at the same time.

January 1, 2021

UK REACH officially implemented as BREXIT corners transition period

As the year of 2021 sets in, Brexit negotiations between the UK and EU are coming down to the wire. UK REACH was officially implemented on January 1, 2021.

January 1, 2021

Mixtures exported to Europe will embrace the “year of law enforcement”

In the meeting held June 22-25 in Helsinki, the Law Enforcement Forum agreed to plan the 10th REACH-En-Force (REF-10). For mixtures, the law enforcement project will be executed 2021 to 2022. This means more attention on the management and stricter supervision for mixtures by the EU after 2021. Meanwhile, the Annex VIII to CLP also proposes new notification requirements for mixtures (Poison Center Notification), which will be officially implemented on January 1, 2021.



Chemicals

January 1, 2021

Official implementation of the new European Safety Data Sheets Regulation

On June 26, 2020, the European Commission announced the Regulation (EU) 2020/878 on its Official Journal. The new regulation revises the preparatory requirements for the chemical safety data sheet of Annex II of REACH in combination with requirements from REACH amendments, the revised edition of United Nations GHS, and New Annex VIII to CLP, which is applicable to all EU member states.

This EU amendment act was implemented on January 1, 2021 and is applicable to all EU member states, exerting a significant impact on the information transfer of products exported to Europe.

January 1, 2021

Official registration of Turkish chemical regulation KKDIK kicks off

The Turkish Regulation on Chemicals Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction (KKDIK) was officially implemented on December 23, 2017.

KKDIK requires companies to register all chemical substances with an annual production or importation volume of one tone or more. After December 31, 2023, chemical substances cannot be placed on the market unless.

The registration is divided into preregistration and official registration, with the latter beginning December 31, 2020.

January 10, 2021

The Announcement on Questions Regarding the Inspection on Imported and Exported Hazardous Chemicals and Their Packaging officially implemented

On December 18, 2020, China's General Administration of Customs issued the Announcement on Questions Regarding the Inspection on Imported and Exported Hazardous Chemicals and Their Packaging (Announcement No. 129 of 2020). Announcement No. 129 was officially implemented on January 10, 2021, specifying inspection requirements to be followed by import and export trade enterprises.

January 16, 2021

New Revisions to Korea Occupational Safety and Health Act (K-OSHA)

In 2019, South Korea's Ministry of Employment and Labor (MoEL) made an overall revision to the *Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)*. Compared to the previous Act, the new revision proposes submission of MSDS, confidential business information (CBI) application for trade secrets, and regulation for agents. This revision came into force January 16, 2021.

2H 2021

"INDIA REACH" expected to come into force in 2021

The first draft of "India REACH" - India Chemicals (Management and Safety) Regulation ICMSR dates back to November 2019, which provided comprehensive management rules for new/existing substances, priority chemicals, and hazardous substances. After several revisions, the fifth revision was announced on August 24, 2020. ICMSR is supposed to come into effect in the second half of 2021 and it is expected to greatly impact the chemical industry.

Pesticides and Disinfectants

January 1, 2021

Great Britain implements new independent pesticide supervision system

As of January 1, 2021, Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) implemented a new pesticide supervision system.

January 1, 2021

Great Britain implements the new GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR).

For disinfectants, Great Britain implemented a new biocide regulation supervision system, i.e., GB Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR) on January 1, 2021.

Nonetheless, Northern Ireland (NI) is expected to continue relying on EU BPR (Regulation EU No 528/2012) for the supervision of disinfectants for historical reasons.

January 1, 2021

K-BPR comes into force

To regulate the management of biocides and consumer related chemicals in the Korean market and prevent re-occurrence of safety problems, South Korea's Ministry of Environment issued the *Consumer Chemical Products and Biocide Safety Management Law (K-BPR)* on January 1, 2019. Its revision was passed on March 24, 2020 and put into force on January 1, 2021, which modifies and perfects a series of articles.



Cosmetics



January 1, 2021

Primary Law on Cosmetics - the China Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation (CSAR) is officially implemented

The year 2020 will be remembered as a milestone year for cosmetics regulations in China thanks to its much anticipated updated regulation on cosmetics - the *Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation (CSAR)*.

The new Regulation consists of 6 chapters and 80 articles, and more closely follows current practices in the cosmetics industry. The whole industry is looking forward a new, more science-based and effective supervision and management system for cosmetics, and a commercial environment that attaches greater importance to product quality safety and industry regulation development.

May 1, 2021

Measures for Cosmetics Registration and Notification to be implemented in May 2021

On January 12, 2021, the State Administration for Market Regulation released the *Measures for Cosmetics Registration and Notification*, which is planned to be implemented on May 1, 2021. The Measures are prepared in accordance with the *Cosmetic Supervision and Administration Regulation (CSAR)*, to manage the registration and notification of cosmetics.



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