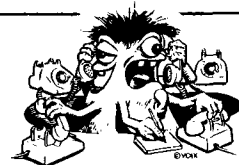


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Swiss personal care market

A new report on the personal care markets in Switzerland says the market is growing at 1 to 2% a year and already is one of the world's most profitable for personal care products.

"The Markets for Personal Care Products in Switzerland" says the sale of fragrances, cosmetics and toiletries totaled 770 million Swiss francs in 1977, about 122 francs per capita, or 65% above similar per capita spending in the United States.

In 1977, sales of toiletries was approximately 330 million francs; cosmetics, 290 million francs; and fragrances, 150 million francs.

Hair-care products top the toiletries field with consumption rising 75% in volume between 1970 and 1977, with coloring shampoos increasing 82% during that time. Value of shampoo sales climbed 171% during 1970-77.

Further details on the report are available from Turner Research & Consulting, Seefeldstrasse 71, 8008 Zurich, Switzerland. The study was done by Turner Research and by Consultex SA of Geneva.

Stepan "Fact File" available

Stepan Chemical company has a new fact file available

on its line of protein-derived surfactant used in personal care products and some industrial cleaners. Copies are available from: Stepan Chemical Co., Surfactant Department, Edens and Winnetka, Northfield, IL 60093.

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed postponing until March 1, 1980 the closing date for the provisional listing of lead acetate for use as a color additive in hair dyes. FDA also said it hopes to conduct a general study on the safety of lead in food, which might have bearing on the lead acetate evaluation. Requests for public comments about the safety of lead will be sought sometime this spring or summer, FDA said. Details: Federal Register, Tuesday, March 6, 1979, p. 12169, 12205.

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