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## Cosmetics - Measurement of the sunscreen efficacy by diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (ISO 23698:2024)

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