

South Korea Cosmetic Bioactive Ingredients Market Forecast 2025-2032

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KEY FINDINGS

The South Korea cosmetic bioactive ingredients market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 5.83% during the forecast period 2025 to 2032.

South Korea stands as one of the world's leading beauty markets, ranking among the top 10 globally, with a dominant focus on skincare products. The country's beauty and personal care industry has experienced significant growth due to the growing demand for effective and innovative cosmetic solutions. In recent years, South Korean consumers have shown an increasing preference for personalized skincare products that cater specifically to individual needs, whether based on skin type, facial concerns, or hair care requirements.

MARKET INSIGHTS

The growing trend of customized beauty products has driven companies to develop formulations that can be tailored to specific consumer demands, solidifying South Korea's position as a global leader in skincare innovation. Bioactive ingredients play a crucial role in the formulation of South Korean cosmetic products, offering targeted benefits such as hydration, anti-aging, and skin revitalization. One notable example is the Time Revolution Night Repair Ampoule 5X by Missha, a serum containing 10 different types of probiotics. These probiotics work to energize and uplift the skin, enhancing its overall health and appearance. Another popular product, the Moisturizing Eye Bomb by Belif, combines tiger grass and oat kernel extract to provide an instant cooling effect, reducing puffiness and soothing the delicate under-eye area. Such formulations illustrate how bioactive ingredients are integrated into products to address specific skincare concerns, making them highly sought-after by South Korean consumers. The South Korean government also plays a significant role in ensuring the safety and efficacy of cosmetic products, particularly in regulating harmful ingredients. Three fragrance ingredients-atranol, chloroatranol, and hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde (HICC)-were added to the prohibited substances list due to their potential adverse effects on health. This proactive approach to regulation highlights South Korea's commitment to consumer safety while encouraging the use of natural and bioactive ingredients in cosmetics. As the demand for cleaner, safer beauty products continues to rise, the market for bioactive ingredients in South Korea is expected to grow, with brands increasingly focusing on innovation and sustainability to meet consumer expectations.

SEGMENTATION ANALYSIS

The South Korea cosmetic bioactive ingredients market segmentation includes source, ingredient, and application. The ingredient segment is further classified into amino acid, protein & peptide, omega-3 fatty acid, plant extract, vitamin, probiotic & prebiotic,

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carotenoid & antioxidant, mineral, and other ingredients.

Proteins and peptides are increasingly recognized as key ingredients in the cosmetic bioactive ingredients market due to their versatile roles in promoting skin health and enhancing the efficacy of beauty products. Proteins, including collagen, elastin, and keratin, are integral to the structure and elasticity of the skin and hair. Collagen, in particular, has gained popularity for its ability to improve skin hydration and elasticity, helping to reduce the appearance of wrinkles and fine lines.

Peptides, which are smaller chains of amino acids, offer more targeted benefits, such as stimulating collagen production, improving skin barrier function, and reducing inflammation. These bioactive ingredients are incorporated into a wide range of formulations, from moisturizers and serums to anti-aging treatments, offering both cosmetic and therapeutic effects. The demand for proteins and peptides in cosmetics is driven by increasing consumer awareness of the benefits of bioactive ingredients and a growing preference for products that provide scientifically-backed, skin-rejuvenating effects. With advancements in biotechnology, peptides are being engineered to address specific skin concerns, such as pigmentation, acne, and skin aging.

Moreover, the clean beauty trend, which emphasizes non-toxic, sustainable, and effective ingredients, has further fueled the popularity of these bioactives. As consumers seek more personalized skincare solutions, proteins and peptides are expected to play an even more prominent role in the formulation of next-generation cosmetic products, making them a crucial segment in the global market for bioactive ingredients.

COMPETITIVE INSIGHTS

Key companies operating in the South Korea cosmetic bioactive ingredients market include Evonik Industries, Glanbia PLC, Inkos Co Ltd, etc.

Inkos Co Ltd, headquartered in South Korea, specializes in the research, development, and production of high-quality bioactive ingredients for the cosmetic and personal care industries. The company focuses on providing effective and sustainable ingredients that cater to the growing consumer demand for natural and eco-friendly beauty solutions. The company offers a wide range of cosmetic bioactive ingredients, with a particular emphasis on plant-based extracts, peptides, and fermented ingredients. These ingredients are designed to address various skin concerns, such as anti-aging, skin hydration, whitening, and skin soothing.

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