

Public consultation on Methylisothiazolinone (MI) in the framework of Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products - rinse-off cosmetic products

Proposed modifications to Annex V of the Cosmetics Regulation

On the basis of the information provided above, the Commission proposes to proceed with:

- (1) **Restricting the use of MI to 15ppm in rinse-off products**, with the obligation of a "contains methylisothiazolinone" labelling.
- (2) The use of MI as a preservative in **hair leave-on cosmetic products is banned**.

In practice, the Commission proposes to amend entry 57 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009 as follows:

| Reference number | Substance Identification | | | | Conditions | | | Wording of conditions of use and warnings |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|--|-------|---|
| | Chemical name/INN | Name of Common Ingredients Glossary | CAS number | EC number | Product type, Body parts | Maximum concentration in ready for use preparation | Other | |
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| '57 | 2-Methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one | Methylisothiazolinone ¹ | 2682-20-4 | 220-239-6 | Rinse-off products | 0,0015 %' | | Contains methylisothiazolinone |

Implementation deadline from the date of publication:

- Six months for placing compliant products on the market and nine months for withdrawing non-compliant products from the market.

¹ Methylisothiazolinone is also regulated in entry 39 in a mixture with methylchlorisothiazolinone. The two entries are mutually exclusive: the use of the mixture of Methylchlorisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone is incompatible with the use of Methylisothiazolinone alone in the same product.