

Update April 2015

EU changes to allowed cosmetic preservatives

Preservatives affected by changes
Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone, Methylisothiazolinone

These changes to the EU Cosmetic Regulation take effect from **16th July 2015**. No new products should be placed on the market after this time that do not comply with the updated regulation. Existing products already on the market can be sold until 16th April 2016, after which time all products made available in the Union market must comply with the updated regulation. The full manuscript of changes can be viewed online at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014R1003>

Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone (3:1)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.0015 %	Not permitted
Rinse-off	0.0015 %	0.0015% ¹

¹ Methylisothiazolinone is also regulated in entry 57 of Annex V. The two entries are mutually exclusive: the use of the mixture of Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone is incompatible with the use of Methylisothiazolinone alone in the same product.

Methylisothiazolinone	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.01 %	0.01 % ²
Rinse-off	0.01 %	0.01 % ²

² Methylisothiazolinone is also regulated in entry 39 (of Annex V) in a mixture with Methylchloroisothiazolinone. The two entries are mutually exclusive: the use of the mixture of Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone is incompatible with the use of Methylisothiazolinone alone in the same product.

In-use concentrations for Methylisothiazolinone remains unchanged at 0.01 %, but is now recognised as being mutually exclusive, whereby it can no longer be used in combination with Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone in the same product in any proportion.

Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone can no longer be used in Leave-on products.

Cosmetic Regulation labelling requirements
No special labelling requirements

Iscaguard products affected by changes

Iscaguard product affected	New use level		Recommended alternatives
	Leave-on	Rinse-off	
CMI	Not allowed	0.10 %	Iscaguard MIT
CIB	Not allowed	0.21 %	Iscaguard BMB
MIT	0.10 %	0.10 %	No longer to be combined with CMIT/MIT
PEM	0.57 %	0.57 %	No longer to be combined with CMIT/MIT

(this list is not exhaustive, as we offer many custom blends, please contact us for further information)