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EU changes to allowed cosmetic preservatives

Preservatives affected by changes
Methylisothiazolinone (2-Methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one)

These changes to the EU Cosmetic Regulation take effect from **27th January 2018**. 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 27th April 2018, 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/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32017R1224>

Methylisothiazolinone	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.01 %	Not permitted
Rinse-off	0.01 %	0.0015 % ¹

¹ 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.

Methylisothiazolinone can no longer be used in Leave-on products.

Methylisothiazolinone can not be used in combination with 'Methylchloroisothiazolinone (and) Methylisothiazolinone'.

Cosmetic Regulation labelling requirements
No special labelling requirements

Iscaguard products affected by changes

Iscaguard product affected	Previous use level		New use level	
	Leave-on	Rinse-off	Leave-on	Rinse-off
MIT	0.1 %	0.1 %	Not allowed	0.015 %
PAM	0.2 %	0.2 %	Not allowed	0.03 %
BMB	0.4 %	0.4 %	Not allowed	0.06 %
PEM	0.57 %	0.57 %	Not allowed	0.085 %

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