

# Update January 2015

## EU changes to allowed cosmetic preservatives

Preservatives affected by changes
butylparaben, propylparaben, isobutylparaben

These changes to the EU Cosmetic Regulation take effect from 16th April 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 October 2015, after which time all products made available in the Union market must comply with the updated regulation. Full manuscript of changes can be viewed online at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R1004&rid=1>

Butylparaben	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.4 %	0.14 %
Rinse-off	0.4 %	0.14 %

Propylparaben	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.4 %	0.14 %
Rinse-off	0.4 %	0.14 %

Butylparaben & Propylparaben combined	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.8 %	0.14 %
Rinse-off	0.8 %	0.14 %

In-use concentrations for parabens as a whole remains unchanged at 0.8 %, where the combined total content of propylparaben and butylparaben must not exceed 0.14 %. Products containing propyl and butylparaben also must no longer be used in leave-on products designed for use in the nappy area of children under the age of 3.

Cosmetic Regulation labelling requirements
Leave-on products designed for children under 3 years of age containing propylparaben or butylparaben must be labelled "Do not use on the nappy area".

Isobutylparaben will no longer be permitted at any level once the updated regulation comes into force.

Isobutylparaben	EU Cosmetic Regulation (existing)	EU Cosmetic Regulation (future)
Leave-on	0.4 %	0.00 %
Rinse-off	0.4 %	0.00 %

### Iscaguard products affected by changes

Iscaguard product affected	New use level	Recommended alternatives
FPX	Not allowed	Iscaguard FPX2
DPM2	1.40 %	Iscaguard DPM
LIN	Not allowed	Iscaguard MPB

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