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RECOMMENDATION

The ASEAN Cosmetic Association following the on-going evaluation of the safety of cosmetic raw materials, recommends that the use of Methylisothiazolinone (MIT) in rinse off products is limited to 15 ppm.

This recommendation is made in the interest of consumer safety in relation to adverse skin reactions reported by the European Society of Contact Dermatitis.

It is recommended that companies start to implement plans to reduce the level of MIT in rinse off products as soon as possible.

Background

Recent publications from the dermatology community in Europe report an increase in skin reactions to MIT in patients suffering from dermatitis through cosmetic use.

Consumer health and safety is of paramount importance to the cosmetic industry. ACA Scientific and Technical Affairs group has evaluated the scientific data available and concluded that, despite the absence of similar reports from ASEAN, the industry should be pro-active and limit the use of MIT in rinse off products to a maximum of 15 ppm.