Health Canada Updates Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist

Health Canada updated the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist to clearly separate prohibited ingredients from ingredients that are restricted. The update also included changes to the requirements for three ingredients and added four new ingredients to the hotlist.

The following ingredients were updated:

- **Alpha-Hydroxy Acids (AHAs):** Updated to include an upper limit of 10% to 30% or a pH of 3.0 to 3.5 for professional-use products providing that proper safety evidence is submitted. The update also clarifies that AHA concentrations and clinical studies demonstrating minimal skin irritation are required as proper safety evidence, in addition to pH levels and directions for use which were mentioned in the previous version of the hotlist.
- **Formaldehyde:** Updated to include limits of equal to or less than 0.01% for non-aerosol products that release formaldehyde vapors when used according to directions.
- **Retinol and its esters:** Updated to highlight conversion factors for retinol and other retinol equivalents and provide examples.

The following ingredients were added to the hotlist:

- **Solvent Red 23 (85-86-9):** Not permitted in cosmetics intended to be used on or around mucosal membranes such as eyes, nose, or mouth. Additional directions and warnings are also required for hair dye products containing Solvent Red 23.
- **Diethylhexyl Adipate (103-23-1):** Not permitted in leave-on body moisturizers in excess of 6.0%.
- **Resorcinol (108-46-3):** Added separately to highlight the restriction of the ingredient under “Coal Tar”.
- **Methylene Glycol (463-57-0):** Added separately to highlight the restriction of the ingredient under “Formaldehyde”.


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