



To Whom It May Concern:

Summary of safety data on Quaternium-15

Quaternium-15

Quaternium-15 is an approved preservative, under the ASEAN, Europe, China, US and many other countries regulations. Preservatives are ingredients that protect the product from microbial contamination during use. Though Quaternium-15 might be a formaldehyde releaser, there is no rigorous chemical evidence that it does release formaldehyde in the normal/current practice of use in cosmetic products. Its safety has been widely studied. Formaldehyde itself is allowed in cosmetic products up to a concentration of 0.1% in oral products and 0.2% in all other products. Quaternium-15 is approved in all cosmetic products up to a concentration of 0.2%. Additionally, if the level of free formaldehyde exceeds 0.05% the product must be labeled with the warning “*contains formaldehyde*”.

The CIR (Cosmetic Ingredient Review Board), a group of expert toxicologists reviewing the safety of cosmetic ingredients concluded that the “Cosmetic products containing Quaternium-15 up to 0.2% are safe.”

The concentration at which ingredients are used as well as the type of products is important to determine their safety.

In addition to the CIR, the SCCS (EU Scientific Committee for Consumer Safety) and the ACSB (ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body) have come to the same conclusions.

From all the scientific evidence published today, it is the common conclusion by scientists that Quaternium-15 is safe in cosmetic products at a level up to 0.2%.

There are laws and regulations established by governments to ensure that the companies will only produce and market safe products. The industry associations around the world including in ASEAN are working very hard to promote safety and quality standards among their members and make sure that companies take compliance seriously and work hard to earn and keep the trust of their consumers and their families.

Consumers have to rest assured that Industry and Regulators are working towards ensuring the safety, quality and efficacy of the cosmetic products available to them. In case unsafe products are found in the market, Regulators keep the public informed of their decisions and actions.

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