

Glossary and Acronyms related to cosmetics legislation

C

CAS Number - Unique numerical [identifiers](#) for [chemical elements](#), [compounds](#), [polymers](#), biological sequences, mixtures and [alloys](#)

CEN - [European Committee for Standardization](#) (Comité Européen de Normalisation)

COSMETICS EUROPE (former COLIPA) - [Cosmetics Europe - The Personal Care Association](#) represents the interests of companies from cosmetics sector

CosIng - European Commission [database](#) with information on cosmetic ingredients

Colorants

Substances which are exclusively or mainly intended to colour the cosmetic product, the body as a whole or certain parts thereof, by absorption or reflection of visible light; in addition, precursors of oxidative hair colorants shall be deemed colorants.

Cosmetic product

Any substance or mixture intended to be placed in contact with the external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair system, nails, lips and external genital organs) or with the teeth and the mucous membranes of the oral cavity with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance, protecting them, keeping them in good condition or correcting body odours.

Cosmetics

Any substance or preparation intended to be placed in contact with the various external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair system, nails, lips and external genital organs) or with the teeth and the mucous membranes of the oral cavity with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance and/or correcting body odours and/or protecting them or keeping them in good condition.

D

Distributor

Any natural or legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes a cosmetic product available on the Union market.

E

ECVAM - [European Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods](#)

EFFA - [European Flavour & Fragrance Association](#)

EFFCI - [European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients](#)

End user

A consumer or a professional using the cosmetic product.

Eye product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied in the vicinity of the eyes.

Undesirable effect

An adverse reaction for human health attributable to the normal or reasonably foreseeable use of a cosmetic product.

F

Face product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied on the skin of the face.

Finished cosmetic product

Cosmetic product in its final formulation, as placed on the market and made available to the final consumer.

Frame formulation

A formulation which lists the category or function of ingredients and their maximum concentration in the cosmetic product or gives relevant quantitative and qualitative information whenever a cosmetic product is not covered or only partially covered by such a formulation. The Commission shall provide indications for the establishment of the frame formulation and adapt them regularly to technical and scientific progress.

H

Hair product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied on the hair of head or face, except eyelashes.

Harmonised standard

A standard adopted by one of the European standardisation bodies listed in Annex I to Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on information society services on the basis of a request made by the Commission in accordance with Article 6 of that Directive.

I

ICATM - [International Cooperation on Alternative Test Methods](#)

IFRA - [International Fragrance Association](#)

INCI - [International Nomenclature Cosmetic Ingredient](#)

Importer

Any natural or legal person established within the Union who places a cosmetic product from a third country on the Union market.

L

Leave-on product

A cosmetic product which is intended to stay in prolonged contact with the skin, the hair or the mucous membranes.

Lip product

A cosmetic product intended to be applied on the lips.

M

Making available on the market

Any supply of a cosmetic product for distribution, consumption or use on the Union market in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge.

Manufacturer

Any natural or legal person who manufactures a cosmetic product or has such a product designed or manufactured, and markets that cosmetic product under his name or trademark.

Mixture

A mixture or solution composed of two or more substances.

Product applied on mucous membranes

A cosmetic product intended to be applied on the mucous membranes of the oral cavity, on the rim of the eyes, or of the external genital organs.

N

Nail product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied on nails.

Nanomaterial

An insoluble or biopersistent and intentionally manufactured material with one or more external dimensions, or an internal structure, on the scale from 1 to 100 nm.

O

Oral product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied on teeth or the mucous membranes of the oral cavity.

P

PEMSAC - Platform of European Market Surveillance Authorities for Cosmetics **Placing on the market**

The first making available of a cosmetic product on the EU market.

Preservatives

Substances which are exclusively or mainly intended to inhibit the development of micro-organisms in the cosmetic product.

Professional use

The application and use of cosmetic products by persons in the exercise of their professional activity. **Prototype**
First model or design that has not been produced in batches, and from which the finished cosmetic product is copied or finally developed.

R

Recall

Any measure aimed at achieving the return of a cosmetic product that has already been made available to the end user.

Rinse-off product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be removed after application on the skin, the hair or the mucous membranes.

S

SCCNFP - [Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and Non-food products intended for Consumers](#) (before October 2004)

SCCP - [Scientific Committee on Consumers Products](#) (October 2004-March 2009)

SCCS - [Scientific Committee on Consumers Safety](#) (from March 2009)

SCENIHR - [Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks](#)

Serious undesirable effect

An undesirable effect which results in temporary or permanent functional incapacity, disability, hospitalisation, congenital anomalies or an immediate vital risk or death.

Skin product

A cosmetic product which is intended to be applied on the skin.

Substance

A chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additive necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition.

U

UEAPME - [European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises](#)

UNITIS - [European Organisation of Cosmetic Ingredients Industries and services](#)

UV-filters

Substances which are exclusively or mainly intended to protect the skin against certain UV radiation by absorbing, reflecting or scattering UV radiation.

Undesirable effect

An adverse reaction for human health attributable to the normal or reasonably foreseeable use of a cosmetic product.

W

Withdrawal

Any measure aimed at preventing the making available on the market of a cosmetic product in the supply chain.