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Guide to Consulting CosIng

Official Online Database for Cosmetics Ingredients in the EU

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Introduction

OVERVIEW

This User's Guide explains how to use CosIng, the online consultation tool of the European Commission describing cosmetic ingredients contained in:

- Cosmetics Regulation (EC) No 2009/1223 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
- The <u>Inventory and Common Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients</u>, as amended by Decision 2006/257/EC establishing a common nomenclature of ingredients employed for labelling cosmetic products throughout the EU;
- · Opinions on Cosmetic Ingredients provided by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS).

CosIng includes all data since the adoption of the Cosmetics Directive in 1976. However, references to scientific opinions of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety are restricted to those published on the Internet.



DISCLAIMER

The Institutions do not assume any liability for the content of this database. Only information provided by <u>Cosmetics Regulation (EC) No 2009/1223</u>, and its amendments, have a legal value.

In particular, **cross-references between substances** (listed in regulations) **and ingredients** (listed in the inventory) are not binding.

Ingredients listed in the inventory do not represent a positive list of substances which can be used in cosmetic products.

For the purpose of cross-references between substances (listed in regulations) and ingredients (listed in the inventory), the definitions of 'esters' and 'salts' as mentioned in Annex V Preamble of the Cosmetics Regulation were used, except otherwise specified in the entries or Annexes:

- 'Salts' is taken to mean: salts of the cations sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, ammonium and ethanolamines; salts of the anions chloride, bromide, sulphate, acetate.
- 'Esters' is taken to mean: esters of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, phenyl.

ACCESSING COSING

The online CosIng consultation tool is a web application that is available to the general public worldwide.

To start CosIng

Type the following URL in the address bar of your browser: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/cosing/

You are connected to the CosIng inventory. The main page briefly introduces the application and the related legislation. The lower part of the page offers quick search options:

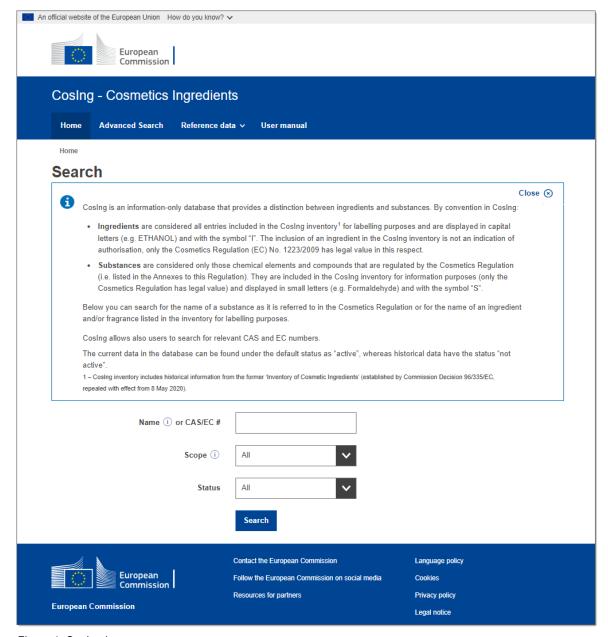


Figure 1. CosIng homepage

Searching and Consulting the CosIng Inventory

Different search and consultation options are available for searching the CosIng Inventory and displaying or downloading specific information. These include:

SEARCH

- Quick search on the *homepage*: to look for cosmetic ingredients based on their Substance names, INCI names, INN names, chemical/IUPAC names, CAS or EC numbers, scope and/or status.
- Advanced search in the menu bar: to combine the above criteria with other, more extended search
 criteria like INN names, Ph. Eur. Name, chemical/IUPAC name, restriction, function, reference number,
 regulation/directive reference and/or publication date.

REFERENCE DATA

- Regulations: List of European regulations amending the Cosmetics Regulation.
- Annexes: List of annexes to the Cosmetics Regulation.
- Functions: List and definitions of possible functions of ingredients used in cosmetic products as
 provided in the inventory.
- Abbreviations: List of standard abbreviations used in the INCI names.



GENERAL CONVENTIONS

Ingredients vs. Substances

Ingredients are laid down in capital letters and cover entries under the inventory. *Substances* are laid down in small letters and cover entries under Annexes of the Cosmetics Regulation.

Ingredients vs. substances



Status:

- 'Active' describes the current regulation of substances under the Cosmetics Regulation and the current description of ingredients under the inventory.
- 'Not active' describes the past regulation of substances under the Cosmetics Regulation and the past description of ingredients under the inventory. The last version describes the active status and other versions the respective disabled status.



PERFORMING QUICK SEARCHES

The Simple Search features allows you to look for cosmetic ingredients based on their Substance names (e.g. <u>INCI (p. 17)</u> names, <u>INN (p. 17)</u> name, <u>Ph. Eur. (p. 17)</u> name, chemical/<u>IUPAC (p. 17)</u> name, description) or <u>CAS (p. 16)</u> or <u>EC (p. 16)</u> numbers, their Scope and/or Status.

To perform a quick search

- 1. Open the Coslng homepage.
- 2. Complete the lower, quick search section as follows:

Name or CAS/EC

Substance/ingredient identification i.e. either:

- the substance/ingredient Name (i.e. common substance name, INCI name, INN name, Ph. Eur. name or Chemical/IUPAC name, description), or
- · its CAS or EC number

Scope

Indicates whether the searched ingredient or substance is listed under the Inventory or listed under the Cosmetics Regulation as 'Prohibited' or 'Restricted' for use, or as 'Colouriantes', 'Preservatives' or 'UV Filters'.

Status

Indicates whether the search concerns current information about a searched ingredient or substance (i.e. 'Active' status) or past/historical information (i.e. 'Not Active' status).

3. Click Search.

The search results appear under the search section:

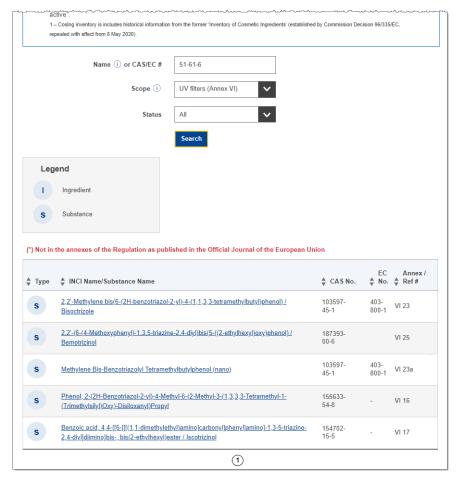


Figure 2. Quick Search results

4. To view the details of one of the items in the search result list, click on the corresponding hyperlink in the 'INCI Name/Substance Name' column.

The full details of the selected substance or ingredient are displayed:



Figure 3. Substance details

5. If necessary, you can further click the 📙 PDF icon at the top right of the ingredient or substance detail page to open and/or save the displayed information as a printer-friendly PDF document.

PERFORMING ADVANCED SEARCHES

The **Advanced Search** features allows you to extend the basic search criteria with advanced ones, including: (Ph. Eur. name (p. 17), restriction and function for ingredients in the inventory, reference number, regulation reference and/or publication date (for substances under the Cosmetics Regulation), etc.

To perform an advanced search

- 1. Select Advanced Search in the menu bar.
 - The Advanced search page appears:

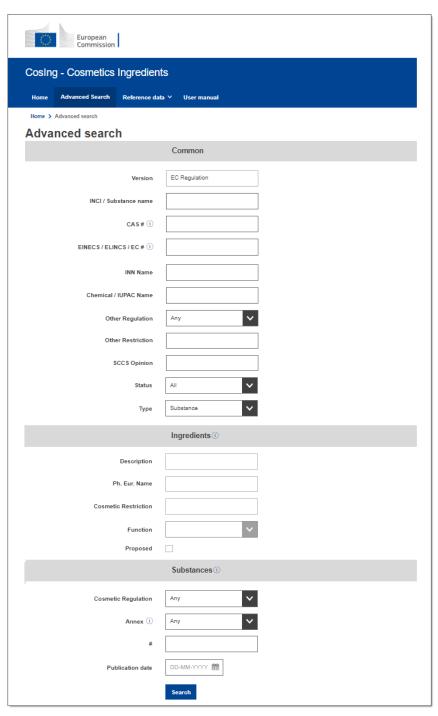


Figure 4. Advanced search

2. Complete the Advanced search page as follows:

Common

The search fields in this section are available to both ingredients and substances searches. They include:

Version

The legal source where the searched ingredient or substance is referred to EC Regulation. (Read-only).

INCI / Substance name

The INCI (p. 17) or chemical name of the searched ingredient or substance.

CAS#

The CAS (p. 16) number of the searched ingredient or substance.

EINECS / ELINCS / EC

The EINECS (p. 16), ELINCS (p. 16) or EC (p. 16) number of the searched ingredient or substance.

INN Name

The INN (p. 17) name of the searched ingredient or substance.

Chemical / IUPAC Name The chemical name, or name of the ingredient/substance according to the terminology created by the <u>IUPAC</u> (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry).

Other Regulation

If the searched ingredient/substance falls under another directive or regulation than the 'Cosmetics Regulation' (EC) 2009/1223, you can select the relevant legal source here:

(EC) 2006/1907 – Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC

(EC) 2008/1272 – European Regulation (EC) 2008/1272 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures came into force on 20 January 2009 in all EU Member States. Commonly known as 'the CLP Regulation'.

(EC) 2009/552 – Commission Regulation (EC) No 2009/552 of 22 June 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards Annex XVII.

(EC) 2009/790 – Regulation (EC) No 2009/790 of 10 August 2009 amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific Regulation progress, Regulation (EC) No 2008/1272 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

(EC) 2009/1005 – Regulation (EC) No 2009/1005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer controls the production, importation, exportation, placing on the market, use, recovery, recycling and reclamation and destruction of substances that harm the ozone layer.

Other Restriction

If any restrictions, not specifically limited to the cosmetic use of the searched ingredient or substance, are laid down in a legal source, you can specify this here (provided the information is also mentioned for the searched ingredient or substance in the database).

For example, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2009/552 specifies that benzene shall not be placed on the market, or used, as a substance nor as a constituent of other substances, or in mixtures, in concentrations equal to, or greater than 0,1 % by weight. → You can enter this condition here, or just part of this whole restriction, like 'constituent of other substances'.

SCCS Opinion

Click Add / remove opinions to select any opinions provided by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (p. 17) about the searched ingredient.

For example: 1506/13, Dialkanolamines, Disperse Violet, etc.

Status

Indicates whether the search concerns current information about a searched ingredient or substance (i.e., 'Active' status) or past/historical information (i.e., 'Not Active' status).

Type

Select the appropriate value from the list if you want to limit the search to either ingredients only, or substances only.

Ingredients

The search fields in this section are enabled only when searching ingredients. You must have selected 'Ingredient' as single Type above.

Description

The official description of the searched ingredients, or any part of the description. For example, if the official description of the ingredient known as 'Activated clay' is 'The inorganic compound obtained by heating natural aluminum silicate with sulfuric acid', you can search on any part of this text e.g. 'natural aluminum silicate' or 'sulfuric acid'.

Ph. Eur. Name

The Ph. Eur. Name (p. 17) of the searched ingredient, or any part of that name.

Cosmetic Restriction

If cosmetic-specific restrictions are mentioned on the marketing or use of the searched ingredient in the 'Cosmetics Regulation' (EC) 2009/1223 or another legal source, you can search on the related annex reference.

Function

The usual function of the ingredient as used in cosmetic products.

Proposed

When looking for ingredients, you can check this box if you want to limit the search to proposed ingredient updates for the Inventory. The aim is to make proposed changes to the Inventory available for public review and comments prior to final publishing. If recent changes have been proposed to the Inventory, you will then get a list of any proposed Inventory updates for products under the Cosmetic Regulation, with options to view the details of

each listed ingredient.

Substances

The search fields in this section are enabled only when searching substances. You must have selected 'Substance' as single **Type** above.

Cosmetic Regulation

Pull down the selection box to select the reference of the regulation that mentions the searched substance.

Annex

If known, use this selection box to specify the specific annex of the regulation that mentions the searched substance.

#

The reference number assigned to the searched substance in the related Annex Part.

For example, if Methanol is mentioned with Reference number 52 in <u>ANNEX III</u> of the 'Cosmetics Regulation' (<u>EC</u>) 2009/1223 (i.e., List of substances which cosmetic products must not contain except subject to the restrictions laid down), you can type '52' here, or complete the other boxes as follows:



Publication date

Use the calendar widget to select the date of publication of the substance-related information in the Official Journal.

- 3. Click **Search** at the bottom of the *Advanced search* page.
 - The matching ingredients/substances are displayed. You can click on one of these to view the corresponding details:

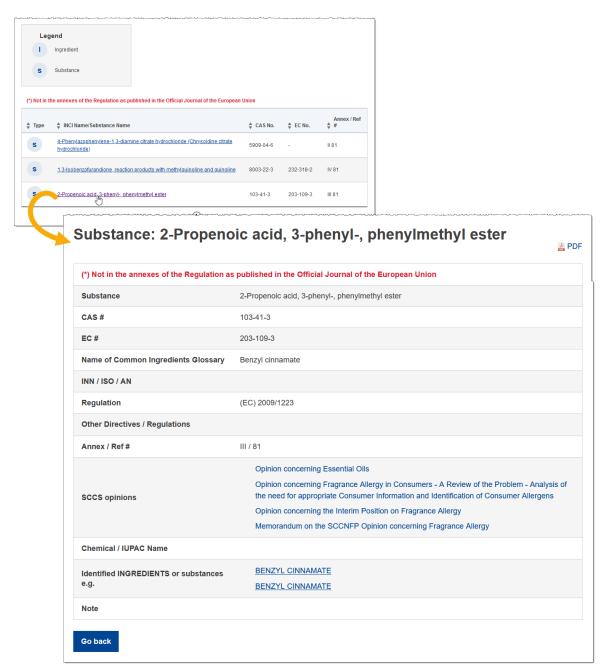


Figure 5. Advanced search: results and details

4. If necessary, you can further click the PDF icon at the top right of the ingredient or substance detail page to open and/or save the displayed information as a printer-friendly PDF document.

ABOUT UNPUBLISHED SUBSTANCES

Please note that not all substances in the CosIng database have been published in Official Journal (O.J.) of the European Union. Unpublished substances are identified by a red star when displayed in lists:



Although such substance are not referenced in any O.J., a default reference may be provided to an Annex/Ref #, where related, published substances are described:

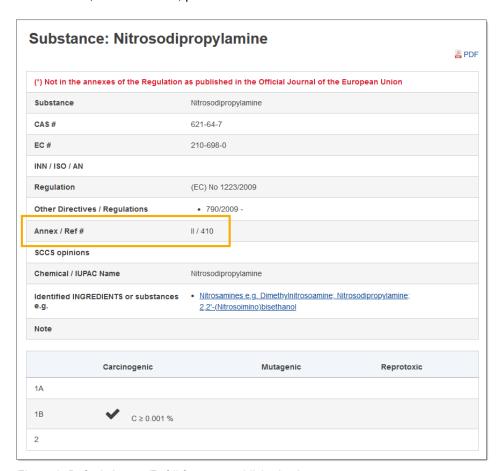


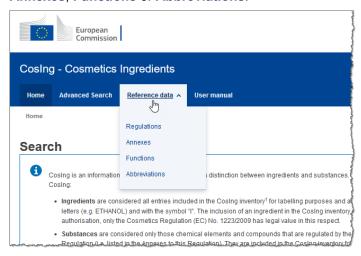
Figure 6. Default Annex /Ref # for an unpublished substance

Consulting the Reference Data

Reference data available in CosIng includes lists of Regulations, Annexes, Functions and Abbreviations linked to cosmetic ingredients and substances.

To consult reference data

1. From the **Reference data** menu, select the type of information that you want to view i.e. **Regulations**, **Annexes**, **Functions** or **Abbreviations**:



The corresponding list of Regulations, Annexes, Functions or Abbreviations is displayed for consultation:

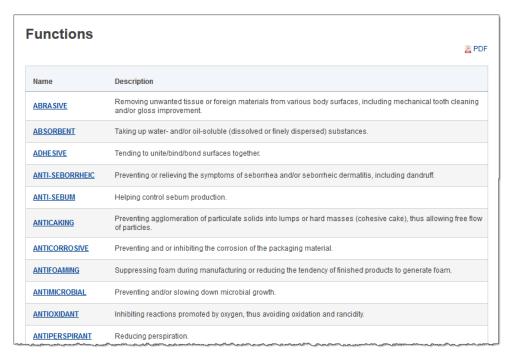
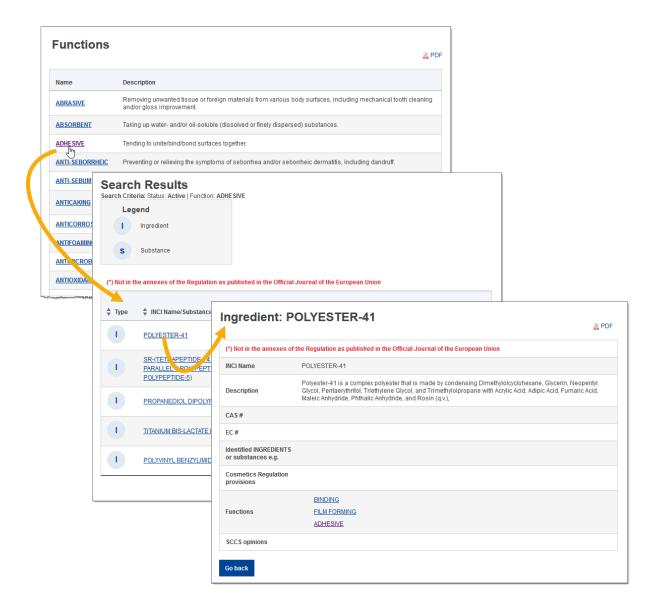


Figure 7. Reference data: Functions

2. You can further generate and save/open a PDF of the displayed list by clicking the PDF icon at the top of the page.

- 3. From the displayed list (except if the active list is the list of abbreviations), you can view the details of underlying ingredients/substances, and further drill down to the next level of details i.e.:
 - Regulations: clicking a regulation from the Regulation list will display all substances linked to that regulation (whether they are active or not). Subsequently clicking a substance hyperlink will show further details about that substance.
 - Annexes: clicking a specific annex in the list of Annexes will display all active substances mentioned in that annex. Subsequently clicking a substance hyperlink will show further details about that substance.
 - <u>Functions</u>: clicking a specific function in the list of Functions will display all active ingredients with that function. Subsequently clicking an ingredient hyperlink will show further details about that ingredient.

For example: From the list of regulations, you can click one of them to view all active substances under that regulation, and then select one of the substances in this list to view its details, and even save this as PDF:



Glossary

CAS

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry. A registry of unique numeric identifiers allocated to each substance. A CAS Registry Number (abbreviated CASN, CASRN or CAS#) can contain up to 10 digits, divided by hyphens into 3 parts. The first part of the number has up to 7 digits; the second part has 2 digits, and the final part consists of a single check digit used to verify by computer the validity and uniqueness of the entire number. The full CAS Registry can be searched from different online sources. Try for example: https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances?.

COLIPA

The European Cosmetic and Perfumery Association. Colipa is the umbrella body in Europe that governs all cosmetic and product care products manufactured and later are on market. Its objective is to enhance consumer information about how long a product remains usable.

EC Number

European Community number. A unique, 7-digit identifier assigned to substances for regulatory purposes within the European Union by the European Commission. The so-called EC Inventory (http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/ec-inventory) comprises 3 individual inventories i.e. EINECS, ELINCS and the NLP list.

EINECS

European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances. An official inventory published on 15 June, 1990, that enumerates and describes the chemicals on the market of the European Union between January 1, 1971 and September 18, 1981 and identifies the chemicals being exempted of the mandatory 'precommercialisation' notification. The EINECS Inventory can be searched from different online sources including from the Publication Office of the European Commission.

ELINCS

European List of Notified Chemical Substances, that is, the list of substances marketed as of 18 September 1981 and notified under Directive 67/548/EEC. The latest edition of the ELINCS List can be consulted from https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/c33bef79-ce30-43ab-accd-d596341cddff.

European Pharmacopoeia

The European Pharmacopoeia of the Council of Europe is a listing of a wide range of active substances and excipients used to prepare pharmaceutical products in Europe. The 2005 edition includes 1800 specific and general monographs, including various chemical substances, antibiotics, biological substances; Vaccines for human or veterinary use; Immunosera; Radiopharmaceutical preparations; Herbal drugs; Homoeopathic preparations and homoeopathic stocks. It also contains Dosage forms, General monographs, Materials and Containers, Sutures; 268 General methods with figures or chromatograms and 2210 reagents are described. The monographs give quality standards for all the main medicines used in Europe. All medicines sold in the 36 Member States of the European Pharmacopoeia must comply with these quality

standards so that consumers have a guarantee for products obtained from pharmacies and other legal suppliers.

Glossary of Common Ingredient Names Article 19(1)(g) of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 requires the labelling information on cosmetic products to include a list of ingredients. The ingredients are to be expressed using the common ingredient name set out in a glossary compiled and updated by the Commission pursuant to Article 33 of that Regulation. The glossary takes account of internationally recognised nomenclatures including the International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI). The Glossary was last updated in the Annex of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/677.

INCI

The International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients. A system of names for waxes, oils, pigments, chemicals and other ingredients of cosmetics, soaps and the likes. For the purpose of identifying chemical compounds, which are used as ingredients in cosmetics, INCI ingredient names are predominantly based upon the terminology created by the INC committee.

INN

The International Non-proprietary Name of an ingredient as recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) (if applicable).

IUPAC

The IUPAC nomenclature of organic chemistry is a method of naming organic chemical compounds as recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). IUPAC names may differ from the corresponding colloquial names (e.g. Benzene is called 'benzene' according to IUPAC). The whole IUPAC nomenclature is published in the Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry (informally called the <u>Blue Book</u>).

Nanomaterial

Cosmetics Regulation (EC) No 2009/1223 defines nanomaterial as follows:

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

NLP List

'No-Longer Polymers' List. List of substances that were on the EU market between September 18, 1981, and October 31, 1993 and satisfy the requirements to be considered as polymers under the reporting rules for EINECS but are no longer considered to be polymers under the 7th amendment. (The definition of polymers was changed in April 1992 by Council Directive 92/32/EEC amending Directive 67/548/EEC. The NLP List was published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 1997 ISBN 92-827-8995-0. An NLP number is a 7-digit number of the type XXX-XXX-X, starting at 500-001-0.

Ph. Eur. Name

The name of an ingredient in the European Pharmacopoeia.

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS)

The Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) is one of the independent scientific committees managed by the Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission. Its mission is to provide the European Commission with scientific opinions on health and safety risks (chemical, biological, mechanical

and other physical risks) of non-food consumer products (e.g. cosmetic products and their ingredients, toys, textiles, clothing, personal care and household products) and services (e.g. tattooing, artificial sun tanning). The Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) is the successor to both the Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP) and the Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and Non-Food Products (SCCNFP).

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