REACH Restriction on D4 and D5 in Wash-Off Cosmetics Published

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The Restriction, amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) on cyclotetrasiloxane (D4) and cyclopentasiloxane (D5) in wash-off cosmetic products has been published by the European Commission in the Official Journal to the European Union on 10 January 2018.

This Restriction states that D4 and D5:

1. Shall not be placed on the market in wash-off cosmetic products in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of either substance, after **31 January 2020**.
2. For the purposes of this entry, “wash-off cosmetic products” means cosmetic products as defined in Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 that, under normal conditions of use, are washed off with water after application.

The restriction can be viewed [here](#).

Another possible REACH Restriction is being prepared by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for leave-on cosmetics and other consumer and professional products. The deadline for ECHA to conclude on whether to proceed with a new restriction and to prepare a draft proposal is 13 April 2018.

The D4 D5 REACH Restriction Consortium at Cosmetics Europe is working on the defence of these ingredients regarding their use in leave-on cosmetic products.

**It should be noted that this restriction refers to final personal care formulated products only, and not the individual raw material components.**

However, KCC Beauty would like to reassure their customers that where possible, we have reduced the levels of D4 and D5 in many of our products to below 0.1%. Investigative work is currently underway to reduce these levels in the few remaining products.

In addition to this, we also have a wide selection of D5-replacement products utilising low viscosity dimethicone.

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