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# CosIng

Public web application for searching and consulting the EU cosmetic ingredient and substance database

[User's Guide]

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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 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
- the <u>Inventory of Cosmetic Ingredients</u>, as amended by <u>Decision 2006/257/EC</u> establishing a common nomenclature of ingredients employed for labelling cosmetic products throughout the EU; and
- <u>opinions on cosmetic ingredients</u> of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety.

CosIng also allows for search for the relevant CAS, ELINCS or EINECS numbers.

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 1223/2009</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

- 1. Start your web browser.
- 2. Type the following URL in the address bar:

http://www.ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/cosing/.

Result: You are connected to the central database, ready to work with CosIng. The main page briefly introduces the application and the related legislations:

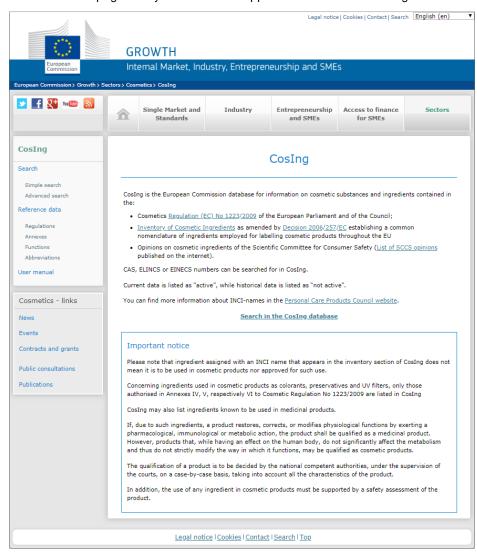


Figure 1 - CosIng Home page

# **Searching & Consulting the Database**

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Different search and consultation options are available for searching the cosmetic database and displaying or downloading specific information.

#### These include:

MENU	DESCRIPTION
SEARCH:	
Simple Search	Look for cosmetic ingredients based on their <u>Substance</u> names, <u>INCI</u> names, <u>INN</u> names, chemical/IUPAC names, <u>CAS</u> or <u>EC</u> numbers, scope and/or status.
Advanced Search	Combine the above criteria with other, more extended search criteria like <u>INN</u> names, <u>Ph. Eur. Name</u> , 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
USER MANUAL:	This User's Guide.

#### General Conventions

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

#### 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.

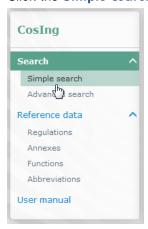
The last version describes the active status and other versions the respective disabled status.

## Performing a Simple Search

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

#### ♦ To perform a simple search

1. Click the Simple search hyperlink in the Search menu:



Result: The Simple Search section appears at the bottom of the page in the central panel:

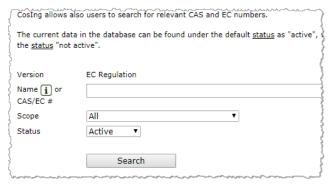


Figure 2 - Simple Search section

2. Complete the Simple Search section as follows:

**Version** The legal source where the searched ingredient or substance

is referred to EC Regulation. (Read-only).

Name or CAS/EC#

Substance/ingredient identification i.e. either:

• the substance/ingredient Name (i.e. common substance

name, <u>INCI</u> name, <u>INN</u> name, <u>Ph. Eur.</u> name or

Or

• its CAS or EC number.

Chemical/IUPAC name),

Scope Indicates whether the searched ingredient or substance is

listed under the Inventory or listed under the Cosmetics Regulation as 'Banned' or 'Restricted' for use, or as an authorised 'Colouring agent', 'Preservative' or 'UV Filter'.

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.

Result: i) If you have completed the Name or CAS/EC# search box at step 2 above, the search result page will look like this.

 $\,\,\rightarrow\,\,$  You can click on one of the items in the list to view the corresponding details:

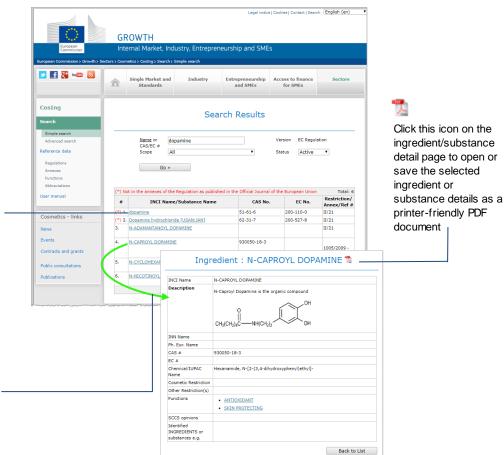


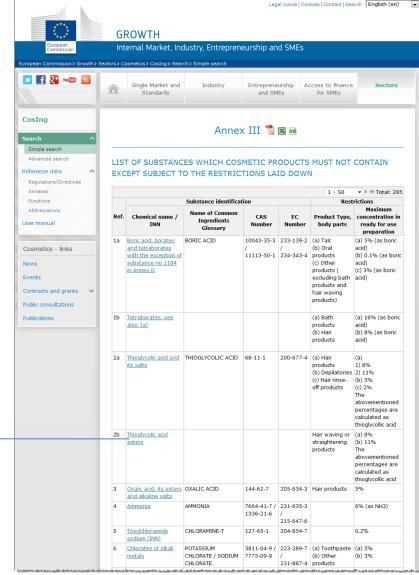
Figure 3 – Simple Search results and details

→ You can further view/save a PDF of the ingredient or substance details by clicking the at the top right of the detail page.

Items in UPPER CASE in the list are ingredients; items in low er case are substances

Items preceded by (\*) are substances or ingredients w hich have NOT been published in the annexes of the EC Regulation in the related Official Journal

Click an ingredient or a substance in the list to display its details ii) If you have completed only the <u>Scope</u> search box at step 2, the search result page will look a bit different. It will list the corresponding substances/ingredients exactly as published in the Official Journal. For example, if you have selected 'Restricted (Annex III)' as search criterion in the **Scope** box, the search result page will look as illustrated below:



Click an ingredient or a substance in the list to display

its details

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of the page.

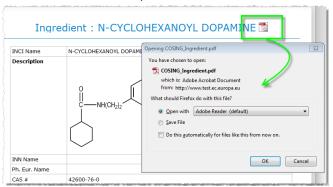
To open/save the displayed list

click the related icon at the top

in PDF, XLS or CSV format,

Figure 4 – Result of a Simple Search for restricted substances/ingredients

- 4. Click on one of the items in the list to view the corresponding details.
- 5. To open/save the displayed details, click the icon at the top right of the page and decide whether to open the PDF or to save it:



#### PDF Reader

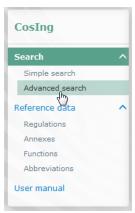
Adobe® Reader 6.0 or later must be installed on your computer in order to view PDF files. If this program is not available on your computer, you can download the latest version from the Adobe website at <a href="https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader">https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader</a>

## **Performing an Advanced Search**

The Advanced Search features allows you to extend the basic search criteria with advanced ones, including: <a href="Ph. Eur. Name">Ph. Eur. Name</a>, restriction and function for *ingredients* in the inventory, reference number, regulation reference and/or publication date for *substances* under the Cosmetics Regulation.

#### To perform an advanced search

1. Select Search > Advanced search in the left-hand side menu bar:



Result: the Advanced search page appears:

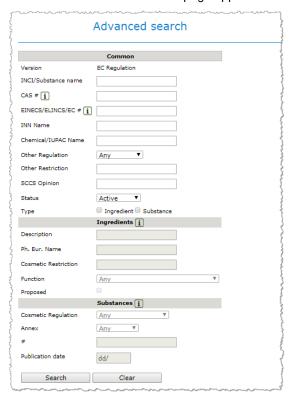


Figure 5 - Advanced Search

#### 2. Complete the Advanced search page as follows:

#### Common

(i.e. search fields available to both ingredients and substances searches):

Version The legal source where the searched ingredient or

substance is referred to EC Regulation. (Read-

only).

INCI/Substance name The INCI or chemical name of the searched ingredient

or substance.

CAS # The CAS number of the searched ingredient or

substance.

**EINECS/ELINCS / EC** # The <u>EINECS</u>, <u>ELINCS</u> or <u>EC</u> number of the searched

ingredient or substance.

INN Name The INN 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 IUPAC (International Union of Pure and

Applied Chemistry).

Other Regulation

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

source here:

1272 / 2008 European Regulation (EC) 1272 / 2008 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'.

552/2009 Commission Regulation (EC) No 552/2009 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.

790/2009 Regulation (EC) No 790/2009 of 10 August

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

substances and mixtures.

1005/2009 Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 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 this information is also mentioned for the searched ingredient or substance in the Database).

For example, Commission Regulation (EC) No 552/2009 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

#### No matching results?

Please note that not all of these characteristics are necessarily recorded for all products in the database. Your search will yield no result if you try to find a product based on a missing characteristic. If a search on a specific characteristic, e.g. its EINECS or ELINCS number, does not return the expected result, it is always advisable to try using another search criterion.

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 The reference or (part of the) title of an opinion by the

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety about the

searched ingredient or substance.

For example: - 1506/13

dialkanolaminesDisperse Violet

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 check box if you want to limit the

search to ingredients only, or to substances only.

#### Ingredients

(i.e. search fields enabled only when searching ingredients (i.e. if you 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 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' <u>1223/2009</u> 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** Check this box if you want to limit the search to

proposed ingredient updates for the Inventory.

#### Substances

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(i.e. search fields enabled only when searching substances (i.e. if you have selected 'Substance' as single Type above)

Cosmetic Regulation The reference of the regulation that mentions the

searched substance.

**Annex** If known, use the 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 ANNEX III of the 'Cosmetics Regulation' 1223/2009 (List of substances which cosmetic products must not contain except subject to the restrictions laid down), you can type '52' here, or complete all connected

#### 3 boxes as follows:

Cosmetic Regulation	(EC) No 1223/2009 ▼
Annex	III ▼
#	52

#### **Publication date**

The date of publication of the substance-related information in the Official Journal.

#### 3. Click Search.

Result: The matching ingredients/substances are displayed. You can click on one of these to view the corresponding details:

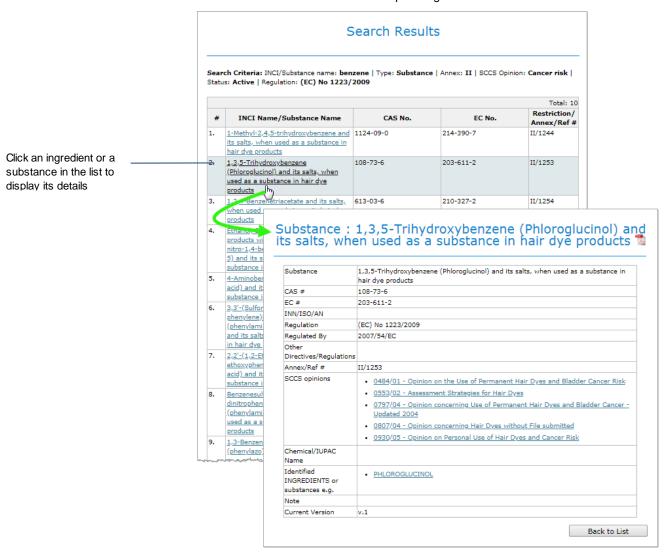


Figure 6 - Result of an Advanced Search

4. You can further open/save the displayed details, click the icon at the top right of the page and decide whether to open the PDF or to save it.

Note that an additional option to download the full search result list is available at the top of the result list if you have performed a search on an **Annex** only.

## **Consulting Proposed Updates**

The **Proposed updates for the Inventory** hyperlink gives direct access to the latest list of proposed changes submitted in the Inventory.

The aim is to make proposed changes to the Inventory available for public review and comments prior to final publishing.

#### To consult proposed updates

- 1. Select Search > Simple search in the left-handside menu bar.
- 2. Select the **Proposed updates for the Inventory** hyperlink in the lower section under the Simple Search section:



Figure 7 – 'Proposed updates for the Inventory' hyperlink

Result.

This opens a list of proposed Inventory updates for products under the Cosmetic Regulation, with options to consult the updates of products under the Cosmetics Regulation, to view/download the content in PDF format and to view the details of each listed ingredient/substance:



Figure 8 – List of proposed updates (Inventory)

## **Obtaining Exports of the Ingredient Inventory**

Performing a Simple Search with 'Inventory' selected as single search criterion will display a complete, up-to-date and unfiltered list of ingredients in the Inventory. Following an overnight process, the Inventory details are automatically exported to a PDF, an XLS and a CSV file on a daily basis (normally). The resulting files are available for view, print and download.

Please be aware that the export files do not provide a to-the-minute picture of the Inventory, as they are always generated at least one day before the online Inventory display. The date of last export is indicated in the PDF.

#### To obtain an export of the Inventory

- 1. Select the Simple Search option in the Search menu.
- Complete ONLY the Scope selection box: select Inventory (ingredient & fragrance).
- 3. Click Search:

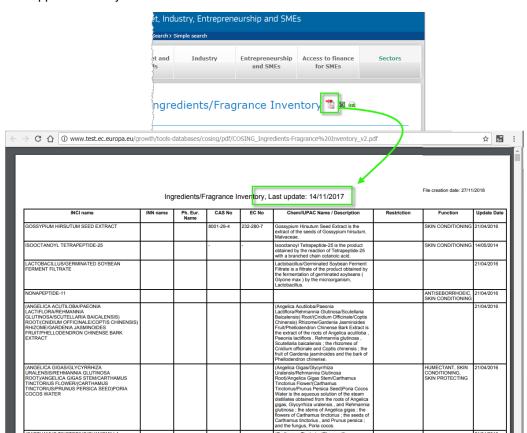


Figure 9 – Search criteria for displaying the full Inventory

This will display Page 1 of the complete Inventory:



Figure 10 - Up-to-date view of the Ingredient Inventory



The date when the PDF, XLS and CSV files were last generated is mentioned in the PDF that appears when you hover with the mouse over the related icon:

4. Click the icon to view the ingredient Inventory in PDF format.

Click the icon to view the ingredient Inventory in XLS format.

Click the icon to view the ingredient Inventory in CSV (comma-separated value) format.

### **About Unpublished Substances**

Not all substances in the *CosIng* database have been published in Official Journal of the European Union. Names of unpublished are indicated by a red star when displayed in lists:

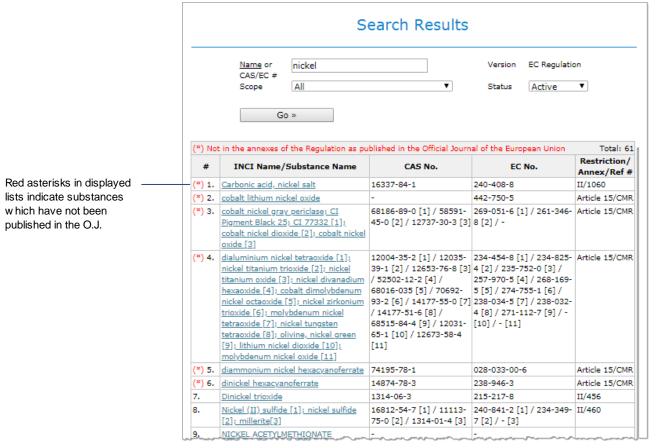
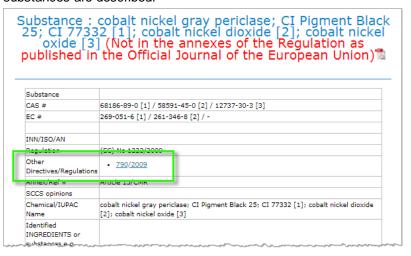


Figure 11 - Unpublished substances

Please note that although the substance is not referenced in any O.J., a <u>default</u> reference may be provided to an Annex/Part/Ref #, where related, published substances are described:

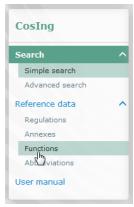


## **Consulting the Reference Data**

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

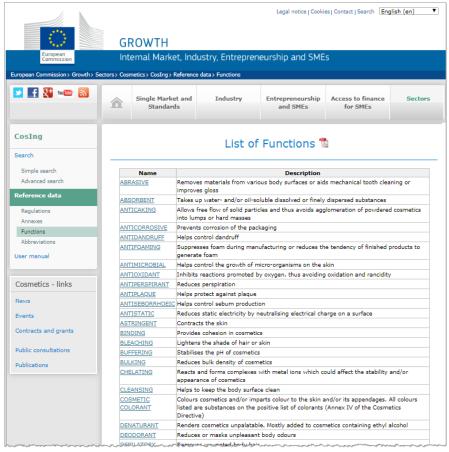


Figure 12 - Consulting reference data: Functions

- 2. You can further generate and save/open a PDF of the list by clicking the **Download** hyperlink at the top right of the detail 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 List of Regulations 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.
  - Functions: 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.

#### Example:

From the list of annexes included in the Cosmetics Regulation, you could click the Annex II hyperlink to view the full list of active substances under that annex, and print the latest PDF if necessary:

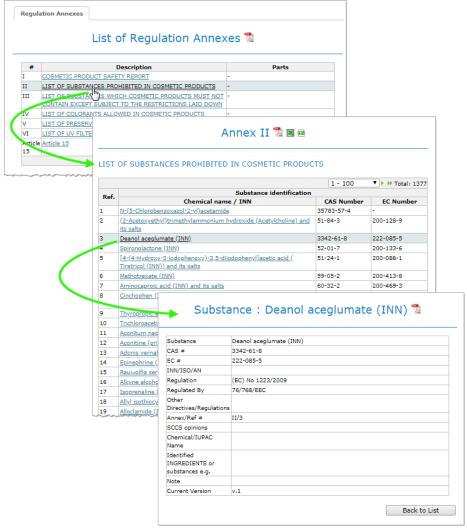


Figure 13 – Reference data drill down options (Annexes)

# Glossary of Terms

**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:

http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances.

**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 (<a href="http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/ec-inventory">http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/ec-inventory</a>) comprises 3 individual inventories i.e. <a href="https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/ec-inventory">EINECS</a>, and the NLP list.

**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 <a href="http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/european-list-of-notified-chemical-substances-elincs-pbLBNA23923/">http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/european-list-of-notified-chemical-substances-elincs-pbLBNA23923/</a>.

**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. Try for example: <a href="https://eurl-ecvam.jrc.ec.europa.eu/laboratories-">https://eurl-ecvam.jrc.ec.europa.eu/laboratories-</a>

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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.

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).

**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.

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