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More than 15000 cosmetics ingredients in CosIng

The European Commission launched earlier this year **CosIng**, an on-line database of the ingredients used in cosmetic products. Companies can find here up-to-date information on substances needed to develop new cosmetics or to improve existing ones.

Using CosIng, businesses and authorities can check if and how a substance is regulated at EU level, since when and how it has been regulated through the years, and read the opinions of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Products (SCCP) which form the basis of this legislation. Companies do not longer have to search through various documents to get the full picture.

The Cosmetics Directive requires that any substance used in cosmetic products needs to be listed under an international nomenclature for ingredients. The CosIng database contains more than 15000 cosmetic ingredients, accessible in a user-friendly manner.

In addition:

- it links to opinions of the SCCP and to the authorisation in force for substances used as colours, preservatives and UV filters and to restrictions regarding the use of certain substances;
- it provides more information on ingredients, such as their chemical name and their internationally recognised name which must be labelled on cosmetic products.

The CosIng database facilitates access to information by Member States' authorities responsible for market surveillance, industry and other stakeholders.

CosIng is updated on a regular basis in order to provide accurate information.

Web address: <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/cosmetics/cosing>