

Tracker of divergence between the EU and the UK bans and restrictions

EU vs UK Cosmetics Regulations

The below table represents a summary of the current and upcoming differences between the UK and EU markets for ingredient bans and restrictions under the respective Cosmetics Regulations.

INGREDIENT	EU Annexes (also applicable in NI)	UK Annexes (only applicable in GB)
Titanium dioxide Reference Zone page	Annex III, IV and VI – restrictions for certain particle sizes for inhalation exposure (see flowchart in Reference Zone page). Applied from 01.10.21.	Annex III, IV and VI – restrictions as per EU situation prior to 01.10.21, which means fewer restrictions currently than in EU. No GB mandatory CMR classification (link).
Salicylic acid Reference Zone page	Annex III – restricted at different concentrations for different product types. New restriction in body lotion, eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner, lipstick, roll-on deodorant; not to be used in specific types of products and related labelling requirements applied from 17.06.21.	Annex III – restricted at different concentrations for different product types. The new restriction in body lotion, eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner, lipstick, roll-on deodorant; not to be used in specific types of products and related labelling requirements applied from 15.03.23.
Tetrahydropyranyloxy phenol	Annex II. Applied from 26.07.21.	Annex II. Applied from 15.03.23.
DHA Reference Zone page	Annex III - at different concentrations for different product types. Applied from 22.04.22.	No restriction published yet.
Butylphenyl methylpropional ('lilial') Reference Zone page	Annex II. Applied from 01.03.22.	Annex II. Applied from 15.12.22.
Methoxyethyl acrylate	Annex II. Applied from 01.03.22.	Annex II. Applied from 15.12.22.
Sodium hydroxymethylglycinate	Annex II and Annex V amendment if the maximum theoretical concentration of releasable formaldehyde, irrespective of the source, in the mixture as placed on the market is $\geq 0,1$ % w/w). Applied from 01.03.22.	Annex II and Annex V amendment if the maximum theoretical concentration of releasable formaldehyde, irrespective of the source, in the mixture as placed on the market is $\geq 0,1$ % w/w. Applied from 15.12.22.
Zinc pyrithione	Annex II. Applied from 01.03.22.	Annex II. Applied from 15.12.22.
Methyl-N-methylantranilate News item	Annex III. Applied from 21.11.22.	Restriction published. Placing on the market 28 July 2024; making available 6 July 2026.
5th CMR Omnibus ingredients News item	Methylene di-t-butylcresol, methyl isobutyl ketone - Annex II. Methyl salicylate - Annex III. Applied from 17.12.22.	GB MCL published. Will apply from 20.04.2025. No ban/restriction published yet under the UK Cosmetics Regulation.
6th CMR Omnibus ingredients News item	Benzophenone, theophylline, melamine, margosa (azadirachta indica) extract, trimethylolpropane triacrylate, pentetic acid, pentasodium pentetate - Annex II. Will apply from 01.12.23.	GB MCL published. Placing on the Market (POM) 20.04.2025. No ban/restriction published yet under the UK Cosmetics Regulation.

		No GB mandatory CMR classification (link) for pentetic acid and pentasodium pentetate.
Benzophenone-3 and octocrylene News item	New Annex VI restrictions. Will apply from 28.07.23.	Under assessment for suspected endocrine disrupting properties.
Formaldehyde-releasing preservatives Reference Zone page	New labelling requirements where the total concentration of formaldehyde released in the finished product exceeds 0,001 % (10 ppm), irrespective of whether the finished product contains one or more substances releasing formaldehyde. Will apply from 31.07.26.	No update to the existing labelling requirements for products containing formaldehyde-releasing preservatives. SAG-CS opinion published.
Various ingredients News item	BHT, acid yellow 3, resorcinol (labelling correction) – Annex III. Will apply from 01.01.2024 HAA299, homosalate – Annex VI. Homosalate will apply from 01.07.2025	No restriction or updates published, but may be expected in the future. BHT regulation published. Will apply from 24.06.2025 HAA299 regulation published; applied from 28.07.2023.
Fragrance allergens Reference Zone page	Labelling of 56 additional fragrance allergens. Published, will apply from 31.07.2028.	No updates.
Various ingredients News item	4-Methylbenzylidene camphor (4-MBC) – Annex II. Will apply from 01.05.2026 Genistein, daidzein, kojic acid, vitamin A, alpha-arbutin, arbutin – Annex III. Will apply from 01.11.2025; vit A from 01.05.2027 Triclosan, triclocarban – updated Annex V. Will apply from 31.10.2025	Kojic acid expected restriction 2024-2025. SAG-CS opinion published. 4-MBC, triclosan, triclocarban call for data for suspected endocrine disrupting properties issued. No updates on the other ingredients.
Nano Omnibus News item	Styrene/acrylates copolymer (nano) and sodium styrene/acrylates copolymer (nano), Copper (nano), colloidal copper (nano), Colloidal silver (nano), Gold (nano), colloidal gold (nano), gold thioethylamino hyaluronic acid (nano), acetyl heptapeptide-9 colloidal gold (nano), Platinum (nano), colloidal platinum (nano), acetyl tetrapeptide-17 colloidal platinum (nano) – Annex II Hydroxyapatite – Annex III Will apply from 01.11.2025	OPSS launched call for data for platinum (nano), copper (nano), silver (nano)/colloidal silver (nano), gold (nano)/colloidal gold (nano)/gold thioethylamino hyaluronic acid (nano), silica (nano)/hydrated silica (nano)/silica silylate (nano)/silica dimethyl silylate (nano), lithium magnesium sodium silicate (nano), hydroxyapatite (nano)
7th CMR Omnibus ingredients News item	Dimethyltolylamine, Diuron (ISO), Trimethylbenzoyl diphenylphosphine oxide, Cymoxanil (ISO) – Annex II	Dimethyltolylamine GB MCL published. POM 02.09.2025

	Will apply from 01.09.2025	Trimethylbenzoyl diphenylphosphine oxide – GB MCL notified to WTO
8th CMR Omnibus ingredients News item	Sodium perborate, Sodium peroxometaborate, N,N'-methylene diacrylamide, Hexane – Annex II	Going through GB MCL process
	Silver, hexyl salicylate, O-phenylphenol – Annex III TBC	Hexyl salicylate – GB MCL notified to WTO