

Banned ingredients: They can still be found in thousands of cosmetic products

Eschen (FL), 18 November 2021. For reasons of health protection, the EU repeatedly bans cosmetic ingredients. Most recently, 23 additional substances were classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction by Commission Regulation (2021/1902) and officially banned as of March 1, 2022. Among them are three that are still commonly used in cosmetic products today, although they have long been suspected of being extremely harmful - these are Butylphenyl Methylpropional, Sodium Hydroxymethylglycinate and Zinc Pyrithione.

In the web app of "CosmeticAnalysis", the substance butylphenyl methylpropional is contained in 4,127 of a total of 46,642 analysed products. That is around 9 percent of the products, including well-known brands such as the deodorant "[Fa Deospray Mystic Moments Ohne Alu](#)" or the hair care product "[Head & Shoulders Apple Fresh Shampoo](#)".

Günter Reichelt from cosmeticanalysis.com says: "The devil in the form of illnesses or consequential damage is in the detail when it comes to cosmetic products. Strictly speaking, in each of the individual ingredients. Please make sure you check all your products for harmful substances. Especially now, when you buy cosmetic products for your loved ones for Christmas, you should play it safe. "

Note to the editor

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Since 2008, consumers have been able to analyse as many products as they like on the international consumer protection portal using the manufacturer-neutral ingredients database. A total of more than 46,000 analyzed products of all categories are available, including detailed descriptions of the ingredients.

Detailed information on almost 10,000 substances can be viewed in the ingredient database. More than 12,000 technical citations from over 100 technical publications provide the basis for more than 34,000 evaluated substance properties, which form the assessment basis for the almost 10,000 ingredients.