



Allergens in Cosmetics

A never ending story

1999 SCCNFP/0017/98

2009 Cosmetic Directive (EC) No. 1223/2009

2012 Opinion of the SCCS/1459/11


2014 Summary of the Opinion (SCCS)

2022 Expected Q1: New Legislation

More than 2,500 fragrance ingredients are used in perfumes and perfumed consumer goods such as cosmetics, detergents and other household products to give them a specific, usually pleasant smell.

These ingredients can sometimes cause skin irritation or allergic reactions.

Over recent years, the regulation and recommendations concerning the specifications for allergen analysis have been occasionally extended, with a legal amendment ultimately expected to be published very soon.





The advantages of our allergen analyses at a glance

- Analyses performed by experts: Competence Centre and Member of the CEN Workshop according to the latest edition of the norm EN 16274 (Methods for analysis of allergens – Quantification of suspected fragrance allergens in consumer products- GC analysis of ready-to-inject sample)
- State-of-the art GC-MSD method
- Tailored to your needs due to the modular design of our analytical offer, e.g. 26, respectively 57 allergens, legally requested
- Cost-efficient approach
- Compliance with legislation
- Routine analyses dealing with extended requests in an appropriate time frame

Our analytic portfolio for allergenic fragrances

Eurofins tests the 26 allergens listed in the Cosmetics Regulation (EU) No. 1223/2009 (Annex II and III) in compliance with the law. In addition, our portfolio offers allergen analysis using the CEN method, which covers most of the allergens listed in the SCCS/1459/11 Opinion. However, there is a gap between allergens included in the SCCS/1459/11 Opinion and those included in the CEN scope. Therefore, the Eurofins network Cosmetics & Personal Care is committed to offering a complete scope of allergen analysis. Accordingly, we plan to offer testing in the form of a modular system, which will enable our customers to have testing carried out in a safety-specific and cost-efficient manner, depending on the type of product and individual analytical requirements.



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