Communication of the Commission concerning the date of mandatory application of the updated inventory and common nomenclature of ingredients employed in cosmetic products

(Text with EEA relevance)

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Under the terms of Article 6(1), introductory sentence, and 6(1)(g), sixth paragraph, of Council Directive 76/768/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products ([1]) (Cosmetics Directive), the ingredients used in cosmetic products must be stated on the containers and packaging of cosmetic products, or on the packaging only, under their common nomenclature referred to in Article 7(2) or, failing this, under one of the nomenclatures set out in Article 5(a)(2), first indent.

To this end, under the terms of Article 5(a)(3) and Article 7(2), the Commission shall draw up a list and adopt a common nomenclature and keep these up to date.

On 8 May 1996 the Commission accordingly adopted Decision 96/335/EC establishing an inventory and a common nomenclature of ingredients employed in cosmetic products ([2]). The inventory and the nomenclature were to be in use from 1 January 1997.

On 9 February 2006 the Commission adopted Decision 2006/257/EC amending Decision 96/335/EC in order to update the inventory and common nomenclature of ingredients employed in the cosmetic products set out in the Annex to Decision 96/335/EC.

Decision 2006/257/EC was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 5 April 2006 ([3]).

The discussions with the Member States and representatives of the cosmetics industry enabled 1 February 2007 to be set as the economically and technically feasible deadline for the use of the updated inventory and nomenclature. From this date, under the terms of Article 6(1)(g), sixth paragraph, of the Cosmetics Directive, the labelling of cosmetic products placed on the market must comply with the inventory and common nomenclature arising from the update laid down in Decision 2006/257/EC.

In view of the absence of risk to human health, the Commission does not consider it necessary to withdraw cosmetic products placed on the market before 1 February 2007.

([1]) OJ L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 169.
([2]) OJ L 132, 1.6.1996, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 97, 5.4.2006, p. 1.