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RECOMMENDATION N°17 a)

WARNINGS ON OXIDISING HAIR COLOURING PRODUCTS FOR CONSUMER USE

Background

The Cosmetics Directive 76/768/EEC, as amended by Directive 2003/15/EC, requires safety warnings to appear on the label of cosmetic products using certain ingredients listed in Annex III part 1 or 2.

Colipa aims to maintain and develop a sustainable and respected industry in Europe by advocating best practices and transparent consumer information that will allow consumers to benefit from continuously innovative and safe products.

Therefore Colipa recommends using the following language for oxidising hair colouring products for consumer use. Colipa recommends that this language appears in readable and easily identifiable characters in an appropriate place to be determined by each manufacturer on its product cartons and instruction leaflets.

Colipa reminds its members that it remains the sole responsibility of the manufacturer or importer to ensure that products placed on the market are safe and comply with all laws and regulations and carry appropriate warnings.

This recommendation replaces Colipa recommendation No. 10 as far as oxidizing hair colouring products for consumer use are concerned.

Recommendation

CARTON

(Banner in a visible area)

Can cause an allergic reaction – follow the safety instructions.

(Legal statements)

CAUTION: Contains XXXX

Can cause an allergic reaction.

Avoid contact with eyes. Rinse immediately if product comes into contact with them. Do not use to dye eyelashes or eyebrows. Rinse hair well after application. Wear suitable gloves.

Keep out of reach of children.

(Allergic reactions/Allergy test)

Hair colorants can cause allergic reactions which in rare instances can be severe. Tattoos may increase your risk of allergy to this product. Conduct a skin allergy test 48 hours before each time you colour, even if you have already used colouring products before. So remember to buy the product 48 hours in advance.

Do not use product at all if:

- you have already experienced any reaction to colouring products.
- you have sensitive, irritated or damaged scalp.

In these cases consult a doctor before using any hair colour product.

Read and follow instructions on enclosed leaflet.

(Parental advice)

Product not intended to be used on children

LEAFLET

CAUTION:

Can cause an allergic reaction.

Avoid contacts with eyes. Rinse immediately if product comes into contact with them. Do not use to dye eyelashes or eyebrows. Rinse hair well after application. Wear suitable gloves.

Keep out of reach of children.

IMPORTANT: Hair colorants can cause allergic reactions which in rare instances can be severe. Tattoos may increase your risk of allergy. To reduce your risk follow these instructions.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. DO NOT USE THE PRODUCT AT ALL IF:

- you have already experienced any reaction to colouring products.
- you have sensitive, irritated or damaged scalp.

In these cases consult a doctor before using any hair colour product.

2. PERFORM A SKIN ALLERGY TEST 48 HOURS BEFORE EACH PRODUCT USE even if you have already used colouring products before.

(Test protocol to be decided by each producer as well as the use of the following sentence: The absence of reaction to this test is no guarantee that an allergic reaction may not occur as a result of future hair colouring process. However, this test represents an important precaution. Please consult a doctor, if you have any doubts).

3. IF DURING COLOURING YOU EXPERIENCE

- any stinging or burning and/or rash, rinse immediately and discontinue use as this may be an indication of more serious reaction. **DO NOT** colour your hair again before consulting a doctor or seeking medical advice.
- rapidly spreading skin rash, dizziness or faintness, shortness of breath and/or swelling to eyes/face, rinse immediately and **SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.**

4. IF AFTER COLOURING OR ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS YOU EXPERIENCE problems such as skin or scalp itching, skin or scalp rash, swelling to eyes/face, blistering and/or skin or scalp weeping **SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.**

PRECAUTIONS

- This product contains ingredients which may cause severe eye irritation and possible permanent eye injury. If the developer or hair colour mixture* gets into your eye, flush immediately with a large amount of lukewarm water and seek medical advice.
- If you must wear contact lenses during application and any product gets into your eye, remove the contact lens first, then flush immediately with a large amount of lukewarm water and seek medical advice.
- Do not inhale or ingest the product.
- Do not use if your hair has been coloured with henna or metal dyes.
- Remove all metal objects from hair before colouring and keep them away during colouring. Do not use metal tools.
- Keep developer* away from heat and light. Do not mix this colorant with any other product. Do not keep any unused product. Do not leave the mixture in a closed bottle (bottle may expand or burst).

* or similar words used to describe product and its components

(Parental advice)

- Product not intended to be used on children.

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