



COLIPA RECOMMENDATION N°17 b)

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WARNINGS ON OXIDISING HAIR COLOURING PRODUCTS FOR PROFESSIONAL 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 information that will allow consumers and professional users to benefit from continuously innovative and safe products.

Therefore Colipa recommends using the following language for oxidising hair colouring products for professional 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/or containers and/or instruction leaflets, or through other appropriate means of communications.

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 professional use are concerned.

RECOMMENDATION**CARTON PACKAGE OR CONTAINER**

(Banner in a visible area)

Can cause an allergic reaction – follow the safety instructions

(Legal statements)

CAUTION: Contains XXXX

For professional use only. Can cause an allergic reaction.

Avoid contact with eyes. Rinse eyes immediately if product comes into contact with them¹. 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 the risk of allergy to this product.

A skin allergy test should be performed [48 hours]² before each product use, even by clients who have already used colouring products before.

The product should not be used at all on clients who:

- have experienced any reaction to colouring products before
- have sensitive, irritated or damaged scalp;

in those cases a doctor should be consulted before using any hair colour product.

Read and follow instructions on (enclosed) leaflet *(or of other means of communication producers deem appropriate (e.g. frame, booklet etc.))*.

(Advice:)

- Product not intended to be used on children.

¹ The EU Directive 76/768 does not require the addition of “Do not use to dye eyelashes or eyebrows” on professional products. Each producer may decide to use this sentence depending upon the intended use of its products.

² depending on test protocol to be decided by each producer

LEAFLET³

CAUTION: Contains: see carton/package and/or container.
 For professional use only. Can cause an allergic reaction.
 Avoid contacts with eyes. Rinse eyes immediately if product comes into contact with them⁴. 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 the risk of allergy. To reduce this risk FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS AND ASK YOUR CLIENT TO READ THEM.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE USED AT ALL ON CLIENTS WHO:
 - have experienced any reaction to colouring products
 - have sensitive, irritated or damaged scalp;
 in these cases a doctor should be consulted before using any hair colour product.

2. A SKIN ALLERGY TEST SHOULD BE PERFORMED [48 HOURS]⁵ BEFORE EACH PRODUCT USE even by clients who have already used colouring products before.

(Test protocol to be decided by each producer as well as the need to use 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. In case of doubt medical advice should be sought).

3. IF DURING COLOURING THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:
 - any stinging or burning and/or rash: hair should be rinsed immediately and use of the product should be discontinued as this may be an indication of more serious reaction. FURTHER, hair SHOULD NOT be coloured 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: hair must be rinsed immediately and IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

4. IF AFTER COLOURING OR ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS problems such as skin or scalp itching, skin or scalp rash, swelling to eyes/face, blistering and/or skin or scalp weeping occur, IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

³ And/or other means of communication producers deem appropriate (e.g. frame, booklet etc.).

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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 the eyes, the eyes should be immediately rinsed with a large amount of lukewarm water and medical advice should be sought.
- If contact lenses are worn during application and any product gets into the eyes, contact lenses should first be removed, then the eyes should be immediately rinsed with a large amount of lukewarm water and medical advice should be sought.
- Do not inhale or ingest the product.
- Do not use if 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 developer⁶ in a cool place away from heat and light. Do not keep any unused mixture. Do not leave the mixture in a closed bottle (bottle may expand or burst).
- **(Advice:)**

Product not intended to be used on children.

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⁶ or similar words used to describe product and its components.