List of Preservatives in Cosmetic Products

This rule has been translated into English according to the original Chinese version. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between these two versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.

No.	Chemical name	INCI name	CAS No.	Product type/Limit for the use	Maximum concentration	Restriction	Precautions (The precautions to be labeled as specified shall be provided in Chinese)
1	Alkyl (C12-22) trimethyl ammonium bromide and chloride	Behentrimonium chloride ⁽¹⁾ / Cetrimonium bromide/ Cetrimonium chloride ⁽¹⁾ / Laurtrimonium bromide/ Laurtrimonium chloroide/ Steartrimonium bromide/ Steartrimonium chloride ⁽¹⁾	17301-53-0/ 57-09-0/ 112-02-7/ 1119-94-4/ 112-00-5/ 1120-02-1/ 112-03-8		0.1%		
2	Benzalkonium chloride, bromide and saccharinate ⁽¹⁾	Benzalkonium chloride/ Benzalkonium bromide/ Benzalkonium saccharinate	8001-54-5/ 91080-29-4/ 61789-71-7/ 63449-41-2/ 68391-01-5/ 68424-85-1/ 68989-01-5/ 85409-22-9		0.1% (as benzalkonium chloride)		Avoid contact with eyes
3	Benzenemethanaminium, N,N-dimethyl-N-[2-[2-[4-(1,1 ,3,3,-tetramethylbutyl)pheno- xy]ethoxy] ethyl]-, chloride	Benzethonium chloride	121-54-0	(a)Rinse off products (b)Leave on products other than oral products	0.1%		
4	Salts of benzoic acid and esters of benzoic acid	Ammonium benzoate/ Butyl benzoate/ Calcium benzoate/ Ethyl benzoate/ Isobutyl benzoate/ Isopropyl benzoate/ Magnesium benzoate/ MEA-benzoate/ Methyl benzoate/ Phenyl benzoate/ Potassium benzoate/ Propyl benzoate/ Propyl benzoate/	1863-63-4/ 2090-05-3/ 582-25-2/ 553-70-8/ 4337-66-0/ 93-58-3/ 93-89-0/ 2315-68-6/ 136-60-7/ 1205-50-3/ 939-48-0/ 93-99-2/		0.5% (as acid)		

5	Benzoic acid and its sodium salt	Benzoic acid/ Sodium benzoate	65-85-0/ 532-32-1	(a)Rinse off products other than oral products	(a)2.5% (as acid) (b)0.5% (as acid)		
	Sait	Sodium benzoate	332-32-1	(b)Leave on products (c)Oral products	(c)1.7% (as acid)		
6	Benzyl alcohol	Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	(-)	1%		
7	2-Benzyl-4-chlorophenol	Chlorophene	120-32-1		0.2%		
8	Tosylchloramide sodium	Chloramine T	127-65-1		0.2%		
9	N,N'-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,1	Chlorhexidine/	55-56-1/		0.3% (as chlorhexidine)		
	2-diimino-2,4,11,13-tetraazat-	Chlorhexidine digluconate/	18472-51-0/		,		
	etradecanediamidine and its	Chlorhexidine dihydrochlo-	3697-42-5				
	digluconate, diacetate and	ride/	56-95-1/				
	dihydrochloride	Chlorhexidine diacetate					
10	Chlorobutanol	Chlorobutanol	57-15-8		0.5%	Not to be used in aerosol products	Contains Chlorobutanol
11	Chlorocresol	p-Chloro-m-cresol	59-50-7		0.2%	Not to be used in products applied on mucous membranes	
12	Chloroxylenol	Chloroxylenol	88-04-0/ 1321-23-9		0.5%		
13	1,2,3-Propanetricarboxylic acid, 2-hydroxy-, monohydrate and 1,2,3-Propanetricarboxylic acid, 2-hydroxy-, silver(1+) salt, monohydrate	Citric acid (and) Silver citrate	-		0.2% (Corresponding to 0.0024% of silver)	Not to be used in oral products and eye products	
14	1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-1-(imi-dazol-1-yl)-3,3-dimethylbutan -2-one	Climbazole	38083-17-9		0.5%		
15	3-Acetyl-6-methylpyran-2,4 (3H)-dione and its salts	Dehydroacetic acid/ Sodium dehydroacetate	520-45-6/ 16807-48-0/ 4418-26-2		0.6% (as acid)	Not to be used in aerosol products	
16	4,4-Dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine	Dimethyl oxazolidine	51200-87-4		0.1%	pH>6	
17	2,2'-Methylenebis(6-bromo-4-chlorophenol)	Bromochlorophene	15435-29-7		0.1%		
18	3,3'-Dibromo-4,4'-hexameth- ylene dioxydibenzamidine and its salts (including isethionate)	Dibromohexamidine isethionate	93856-83-8		0.1%		

19	2,4-Dichlorobenzyl alcohol	Dichlorobenzyl alcohol	1777-82-8		0.15%		
19	2,4-Dichiologenzyi alcohol	Dictilorobelizyi alcollor	1///-02-0		0.1370		
20	Ethyl-N-alpha-dodecanoyl-L- arginate hydrochloride ⁽¹⁾	Ethyl lauroyl arginate HCl	60372-77-2	(a)Mouthwashes	(a)0.15%	(a)Not to be used in preparations for children under 10 years of age	(a)Not to be used for children under 10 years
				(b)Other products	(b)0.4%	(b)Not to be used in lip, oral products (other than mouthwashes), and spray	of age.
21	5-Ethyl-3,7-dioxa-1-azabicyclo [3.3.0] octane	7-Ethylbicyclooxazolidine	7747-35-5		0.3%	products. Not to be used in oral products and in products applied on mucous membranes	
22	Formic acid and its sodium salt	Formic acid/ Sodium formate	64-18-6/ 141-53-7		0.5% (as acid)		
23	Glutaraldehyde (Pentane-1,5-dial)	Glutaral	111-30-8		0.1%	Not to be used in spray products	If the concentration exceeds 0.05%: Contains glutaral
24	Benzenecarboximidamide, 4,4'-(1,6-hexanediylbis (oxy))bis- and its salts (in- cluding isethionate and p-hydroxybenzoate)	Hexamidine/ Hexamidine diisethionate/ Hexamidine paraben	3811-75-4/ 659-40-5/ 93841-83-9		0.1%		
25	5-Pyrimidinamine, 1,3-bis (2-ethylhexyl) hexahy- dro-5-methyl	Hexetidine	141-94-6		0.1%		
26	Inorganic sulphites and hydrogensulphites ⁽¹⁾	Sodium sulfite(3)/ Sodium bisulfite/ Sodium metabisulfite/ Potassium sulfite/ Potassium metabisulfite/ Ammonium sulfite/ Ammonium bisulfite	7757-83-7/ 7631-90-5/ 7681-57-4/ 10117-38-1/ 16731-55-8/ 10196-04-0/ 10192-30-0/ 7773-03-7		0.2% (as free SO ₂)		

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27	3-Iodo-2-propynylbutylcarba-	Iodopropynyl butylcarbamate	55406-53-6	(a)Rinse off products	(a)0.02%	Not to be used in oral and	(a)Precautions (other than
	mate (2)					lip products	bath products and sham-
						(a)Not to be used in prod-	poo): Not to be used for
						ucts for children under 3	children under 3 years of
						years of age, except in bath	age.
						products/ shower gels and	
						shampoo	
				(b)Leave on products	(b)0.01%	(b)Not to be used in body	(b)&(c): Not to be used in
						lotion and body cream	products for children un-
				(c)Deodorants and an-	(c)0.0075%	(b)&(c)Not to be used in	der 3 years of age.
				ti-perspirants		products for children un-	
						der 3 years of age	
28	4-Isopropyl-m-cresol	o-Cymen-5-ol	3228-02-2		0.1%		
29	2-Methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one	Methylisothiazolinone	2682-20-4	Rinse off products	0.0015%		
30	Mixture of	Methylchloroisothiazolinone	55965-84-9,	Rinse off products	0.0015%	Mixture in the ratio 3:1 of	
	5-Chloro-2-methyl-isothiazol-	and Methylisothiazolinone	26172-55-4,			5-Chloro-2-methyl-isothia	
	3(2H)-one and		2682-20-4			zol-3(2H)-one and 2- Me-	
	2-Methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one					thylisothiazol-3(2H)-one	
	with magnesium chloride and						
	magnesium nitrate						
31	Biphenyl-2-ol, and its salts	o-Phenylphenol/	90-43-7/		0.2% (as phenol)		
		Sodium o-phenylphenate/	132-27-4/				
		MEA o-phenylphenate/	84145-04-0/				
		Potassium o-phenylphenate	13707-65-8				
32	Butyl 4-hydroxybenzoate and	Butylparaben/	94-26-8/		(a)0.14% (as acid), for	Not to be used in leave-on	Precautions for leave-on
	its salts Propyl	Propylparaben/	94-13-3/		the sum of the individual	products for application on	products: Not to be used
	4-hydroxybenzoate and its	Sodium propylparaben/	35285-69-9/		concentrations	the nappy area of children	in leave-on products for
	salts(2)	Sodium butylparaben/	36457-20-2/		(b)0.8% (as acid), for	under 3 years of age.	application on the nappy
		Potassium butylparaben/	38566-94-8/		mixtures of No.32 and 33,		area of children under 3
		Potassium propylparaben	84930-16-5		where the sum of the		years of age.
		1 171			individual concentrations		
					of butylparaben and		
					propylparaben and their		
					salts does not exceed 0.14		
					%		
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33	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid and	Methylparaben/	99-76-3/		(a)0.4% (as acid), single		
33	its Methyl- and Ethyl- esters,	Ethylparaben/	120-47-8/		ester		
	and their salts	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid/	99-96-7/		(b)0.8% (as acid) ,		
	and their saits	Potassium ethylparaben/	36457-19-9/		mixtures of esters		
		Potassium paraben/	16782-08-4/		illixtures of esters		
		Sodium methylparaben/	5026-62-0/				
		Sodium ethylparaben/	35285-68-8/				
		Sodium paraben/	114-63-6/				
		Potassium methylparaben/	26112-07-2/				
		Calcium paraben	69959-44-0				
34	3-(p-chlorophenoxy)-propane	Chlorphenesin	104-29-0		0.3%		
34	-1.2-diol	Cinorphenesin	104-29-0		0.570		
35	2-Phenoxyethanol	Phenoxyethanol	122-99-6		1%		
36	1-Phenoxypropan-2-ol ⁽¹⁾	Phenoxyisopropanol	770-35-4	Rinse-off products	1%		
37	Phenylmercuric salts (includ-	Phenyl mercuric acetate/	62-38-4/	Eye products	0.007% (as Hg)	When mixed with other	Contains Phenylmercuric
	ing borate)	Phenyl mercuric benzoate	94-43-9		, <i>S</i> ,	mercurial compounds au-	compounds
						thorised by Regulation, the	
						maximum concentration of	
						Hg remains fixed at	
						0.007%	
38	1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4	1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4-	50650-76-5/	(a)Rinse-off products	(a)1%		
	-trimethylpentyl)-2 pyridon	trimethylpentyl)-2-pyridon/	68890-66-4	(b)Other products	(b)0.5%		
	and its monoethanolamine	Piroctone olamine					
	salt						
39	Poly(methylene),.alpha.,.ome-	Polyaminopropyl biguanide	32289-58-0/		0.3%		
	gabis[[[(aminoiminomethyl)	7 1 13 2	133029-32-0/				
	amino]iminomethyl]amino]-,		28757-47-3/				
	dihydrochloride		27083-27-8				
40	Propionic acid and its salts	Propionic acid/	79-09-4/		2% (as acid)		
		Sodium propionate/	137-40-6/				
		Ammonium propionate/	17496-08-1/				
		Calcium propionate/	4075-81-4/				
		Magnesium propionate/	557-27-7/				
		Potassium propionate	327-62-8				

41	Salicylic acid and its salts	Salicylic acid ⁽³⁾ /	69-72-7/		0.5% (as acid)	Not to be used in products	Precautions (other than
		Calcium salicylate/	824-35-1/			for children under 3 years	shampoos): Not to be
		Magnesium salicylate/	18917-89-0/			of age, except for sham-	used for children under 3
		MEA-salicylate/	59866-70-5/			poos	years of age.
		Sodium salicylate/	54-21-7/			•	
		Potassium salicylate/	578-36-9/				
		TEA-salicylate	2174-16-5				
42	Silver Chloride deposited on	Silver chloride	7783-90-6		0.004% (as AgCl)	20% AgCl (w/w) on TiO ₂ ;	
	titanium dioxide				, ,	Not to be used in products	
						for children under 3 years	
						of age, in oral products and	
						in eye and lip products	
43	Hexa-2,4-dienoic acid and its	Sorbic acid/	110-44-1/		0.6% (as acid)		
	salts	Potassium sorbate/	24634-61-5/				
		Calcium sorbate/	7492-55-9/				
		Sodium sorbate	7757-81-5				
44	Thiomersal	Thimerosal	54-64-8	Eye products	0.007% (as Hg)	When mixed with other	Contains Thiomersal
						mercurial compounds au-	
						thorised by Regulation, the	
						maximum concentration of	
						Hg remains fixed at	
						0.007%	
45	5-Chloro-2- (2,4- dichloro-	Triclosan	3380-34-5	(a)Toothpastes, Hand	(a)0.3%		
	phenoxy) phenol			soaps, Body soaps/			
				Shower gels, Deodor-			
				ants (other than spray			
				products), Face pow-			
				ders, Foundation, Nail			
				products for cleaning the			
				finger-nails and toenails			
				before the application of			
				artificial nail systems			
				(b)Mouthwashes	(b)0.2%		
46	1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3,4-di-	Triclocarban	101-20-2		0.2%	Purity criteria:	
	chlorophenyl) urea ⁽³⁾					3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazoben	
						zene <1 ppm;	
						3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazoxyb	
						enzene <1 ppm	

47	Undec-10-enoic acid and its salts Pyrithione zinc ⁽¹⁾	Undecylenic acid/ Potassium undecylenate/ Calcium undecylenate/ Sodium undecylenate/ MEA-undecylenate/ TEA-undecylenate Zinc pyrithione	112-38-9/ 6159-41-7/ 1322-14-1/ 3398-33-2/ 56532-40-2/8 4471-25-0 13463-41-7	(a)Hair products (b)Other products	(a)1% (b)0.5%	Only rinse-off products; Not to be used in oral
49	5-Bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane	5-Bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane	30007-47-7	Rinse-off products	0.1%	products Avoid formation of nitrosamines; When used as preservatives in cosmetic products, the total amount of released free formaldehyde should not exceed 1000 ppm
50	Bronopol	2-Bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol	52-51-7		0.1%	Avoid formation of nitrosamines; When used as preservatives in cosmetic products, the total amount of released free formaldehyde should not exceed 1000 ppm
51	Methanol, (phenylmethoxy-)	Benzylhemiformal	14548-60-8	Rinse-off products	0.15%	When used as preservatives in cosmetic products, the total amount of released free formaldehyde should not exceed 1000 ppm
52	1,3-Bis (hydroxyme- thyl)-5,5-dimethylimidazolid- ine-2,4-dione	DMDM hydantoin	6440-58-0		0.6%	When used as preservatives in cosmetic products, the total amount of released free formaldehyde should not exceed 1000 ppm

53	N-(Hydroxymethyl)-N- (di-	Diazolidinyl urea	78491-02-8	0.5%	When used as preserva-	
	hydroxymethyl-1,3-dioxo-				tives in cosmetic products,	
	2,5-imidazolidinyl-4)-				the total amount of re-	
	N'-(hydroxymethyl) urea				leased free formaldehyde	
					should not exceed 1000	
					ppm	
54	N,N"-methylenebis[N'-[3-	Imidazolidinyl urea	39236-46-9	0.6%	When used as preserva-	
	(hydroxyme-				tives in cosmetic products,	
	thyl)-2,5-dioxoimidazolidin-4				the total amount of re-	
	-yl]urea]				leased free formaldehyde	
					should not exceed 1000	
					ppm	
55	Methenamine	Methenamine	100-97-0	0.15%	When used as preserva-	
					tives in cosmetic products,	
					the total amount of re-	
					leased free formaldehyde	
					should not exceed 1000	
					ppm	
56	Methenamine	Quaternium-15	4080-31-3	0.2%	When used as preserva-	
	3-chloroallylochloride				tives in cosmetic products,	
					the total amount of re-	
					leased free formaldehyde	
					should not exceed 1000	
					ppm	
57	Sodium hydroxymethylamino	Sodium hydroxymethyl-	70161-44-3	0.5%	When used as preserva-	
	acetate	glycinate			tives in cosmetic products,	
					the total amount of re-	
					leased free formaldehyde	
					should not exceed 1000	
					ppm	

- (1) For use other than as a preservative, see "List of Ingredients Restricted in Cosmetic Products"
- (2) If the product is indeed not involved in the use of children under the age of three, the business may determine whether it is necessary to print the precautions based on the attributes of the product. However, if the product endangers consumers' bodies and health because of not printing the precautions, the business shall assume related responsibility for its own.
- (3) For use other than as a preservative, see "List of Specific Purpose Ingredients in Cosmetic"
- Regarding preservatives not listed within this table, if a jurisdiction such as the European Union, the United States or Japan has already announced permission of use and have applicable regulations, the preservative can also be used in accordance to respective standards. If there's a difference between the above jurisdictions, the safest limitation should be applied.
- * The "oral products" in the list means non-pharmaceutical toothpaste and mouthwash, and teeth whitening products.