

Dear Stakeholder,

The *Cosmetic Regulations* were [amended in April 2024](#) to, among other things, strengthen labelling requirements that will support consumers in identifying fragrance ingredients that they may be allergic to, sensitive to, or wish to avoid.

The provisions related to the disclosure of the first set of 24 fragrance allergens on cosmetic product labels (new or existing) were provided a two-year transition period. This means that the requirements to disclose these 24 fragrance allergens will come into force on April 12, 2026.

Following publication, Health Canada heard concerns from some companies and industry associations related to anticipated challenges with implementing these disclosure requirements in this timeframe.

Given that the two-year transition period was informed by data supplied by industry stakeholders, Health Canada continues to expect industry to maintain best efforts to ensure that cosmetic products comply with the fragrance allergen disclosure requirements as of April 12, 2026.

In line with the Departmental risk-based [compliance and enforcement policy framework](#), the following approach will be applied to the disclosure requirements for the first set of 24 fragrance allergens:

- From April 12, 2026 to April 11, 2027, Health Canada will focus on compliance promotion with regulated parties; and
- From April 12, 2027 onwards, compliance and enforcement will follow a risk-based approach as per standard Departmental and program guidance.

For greater certainty, all other transition periods associated with the amendments to the *Cosmetic Regulations* published in Canada Gazette, II in April 2024 remain unchanged.

Should Health Canada receive reports of health or safety-related incidents or complaints once the labelling requirements for the initial list of 24 allergens are in force (from April 12, 2026), the Department will respond following its usual risk-based process.

We look forward to your continued collaboration on this important initiative for people in Canada.

Sincerely,

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