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Subject: Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/909 amending Annex III of the EU Cosmetic Products Regulation to include new entries for Acetylated Vetiver Oil (AVO), Benzyl Salicylate and Citral

Related IL: none

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that on April 28, 2026 Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/909 of April 27, 2026 has been published in the Official Journal. It amends Annex III of the EU Cosmetic Products Regulation¹ (CPR) adding three ingredients of specific relevance for the fragrance industry, namely **Acetylated Vetiver Oil (AVO)**, **Benzyl Salicylate**, and **Citral**.

The above-mentioned update of the Annex III of the CPR is noteworthy for various reasons.

For AVO the regulatory entry, which incorporates use level restrictions in line with the current IFRA Standard, marks the successful end of the fragrance industries ingredient long term defence activity on this material. In the process not only toxicological data and detailed material characterization information were shared with the authorities, but also a NAM approached for the assessment of potential inhalation irritation effects was identified and applied with the support of a consortium of dedicated industry members and our colleagues from the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials. It is also noteworthy that the requirement for stabilization of the raw material is going to be included in the IFRA Standard. The respective revision proposal is part of the currently ongoing Consultation of the 52nd Amendment to the IFRA Standards.

The regulatory entry for Citral is of relevance as it for the first time introduces use level restrictions in line with the maximum acceptable concentrations (MACs) derived from the Quantitative Risk Assessment 2 ([Updating exposure assessment for skin sensitization quantitative risk assessment for fragrance materials - ScienceDirect](#)) developed under project IDEA 8 (www.ideaproject.info). Those MACs in the IFRA Standard based on the QRA for product categories referring to cosmetic applications are the same as what you will find in the regulation.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009



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For Benzyl salicylate, the European Commission identified this ingredient in 2019 as part of a priority list of 28 substances with potential endocrine-disrupting properties used in cosmetic products. The Commission subsequently launched public calls for data in 2019 and 2021. An industry consortium, facilitated by IFRA, was established to prepare and submit scientific evidence (SCCS dossier) to demonstrate the safety of this ingredient in cosmetic applications.

In its opinion adopted on 26 October 2023, the SCCS concluded that Benzyl Salicylate is safe for use in cosmetic products at the maximum concentrations provided by industry in the submission. As a result, the use of Benzyl Salicylate in cosmetics is restricted to the maximum concentrations proposed by the SCCS in this amended Annex III.

Implementation timelines are specified per ingredient in the regulation.

CONTACT: If you have any further questions, please write to Matthias Vey (mvey@ifrafragrance.org) or Cristina Arregui (carregui@ifrafragrance.org) at IFRA.

Best regards,

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Relevant links:

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/909: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/909/oj/eng>