STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 23

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Cosmetic Products Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (Restriction of Chemical Substances) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*12th January 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*15th January 2026*
Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2) and (3)	

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 31(1)(b), 31(1)(f) and 32(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products(**a**) ("the Cosmetic Regulation").

In accordance with Article 31(1)(b) of the Cosmetic Regulation, the Secretary of State considers there is sufficient scientific evidence that there is a potential risk to human health arising from the use of 3-(4'-methylbenzylidene)-camphor in a cosmetic product and from the current threshold for warning labelling requirements for formaldehyde releasing preservatives listed in Annex 5 to the Cosmetic Regulation.

In accordance with Article 31(1)(f) of the Cosmetic Regulation, the substances set out in the Schedule to these Regulations have been classified as CMR(**b**) substances of category 1B or 2 under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures(**c**).

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Cosmetic Products Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (Restriction of Chemical Substances) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), these Regulations come into force on 15th July 2026.

(3) Regulation 2(3) comes into force on 15th August 2026.

(4) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

(5) In these Regulations "the Cosmetic Regulation" means Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products.

(**a**) EUR 2009/1223; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/659, S.I. 2023/836, S.I. 2024/1334, S.I. 2025/901.
(**b**) For the definition of "CMR" see Article 2(1)(va) of the Cosmetic Regulation.
(**c**) EUR 2008/1272, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

Amendments to the Cosmetic Regulation

2.—(1) The Cosmetic Regulation is amended as follows.

(2) At the end of the table in Annex 2 (list of substances prohibited in cosmetic products) insert—

"1744	3-(4'-methylbenzylidene)-camphor	38102-62-4/36861-47-9	253-242-6".

(3) In the table in Annex 2, after the entry inserted by regulation 2(2), insert the entries set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) In paragraph 2 of the Preamble to Annex 5 (list of preservatives allowed in cosmetic products)—

(a) for "contains" substitute "releases"; and

(b) for "0,05" substitute "0.001".

(5) In the table in Annex 6 (list of UV filters allowed in cosmetic products), omit the entry at reference number 18 (3-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-d1 camphor/Enzacamene).

Transitional Provisions

3. Despite the amendments made—

(a) by regulation 2(2), (4) and (5) of these Regulations, a cosmetic product placed on the market before 15th July 2026 may continue to be made available on the market until the end of 14th January 2027 if it—

(i) contains the substance inserted into Annex 2 to the Cosmetic Regulation by regulation 2(2) and omitted from Annex 6 to the Cosmetic Regulation by regulation 2(5); and

(ii) is labelled in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 2 of the Preamble to Annex 5 to the Cosmetic Regulation, as it has effect before 15th July 2026;

(b) by regulation 2(3) of these Regulations, a cosmetic product placed on the market before 15th August 2026 containing any of the substances inserted into Annex 2 to the Cosmetic Regulation by regulation 2(3) may continue to be made available on the market until the end of 14th February 2027.

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Department for Business and Trade

12th January 2026

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(3)

Entries to be inserted into Annex 2

“1745	Diphenyl(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)phosphine oxide	75980-60-8	278-355-8
1746	clothianidin (ISO); (E)-1-(2-chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-2-nitroguanidine	210880-92-5	433-460-1
1747	Dimethyl propylphosphonate	18755-43-6	242-555-3
1748	Dibutyltin maleate	78-04-6	201-077-5
1749	Dibutyltin oxide	818-08-6	212-449-1
1750	2,2’, 6,6’-tetrabromo-4,4’-isopropylidenediphenol; tetrabromobisphenol-A	79-94-7	201-236-9
1751	1,4-Benzenediamine, N,N'-mixed Ph and tolyl derivs.	68953-84-4	273-227-8
1752	4-Methylimidazole	822-36-6	212-497-3
1753	Acetone Oxime	127-06-0	204-820-1
1754	Benthiavalicarb isopropyl (ISO); isopropyl [(S)-1-{[(R)-1-(6-fluoro-1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)ethyl]carbamoyl}-2-methylpropyl]carbamate	177406-68-7	
1755	2,3-epoxypropyl neodecanoate	26761-45-5	247-979-2
1756	Multi-walled carbon tubes (synthetic graphite in tubular shape) with a geometric tube diameter range ≥ 30 nm to < 3 µm and a length ≥ 5 µm and aspect ratio > 3:1, including Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotubes, MWC(N)T		
1757	7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-3-ylmethyl 7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-carboxylate	2386-87-0	219-207-4
1758	2-(dimethylamino)-2-[(4-methylphenyl)methyl]-1-[4- (morpholin-4-yl)phenyl]butan-1-one	119344-86-4	438-340-0
1759	S-metolachlor (ISO); 2-chloro-N-(2-ethyl-6-methylphenyl)-N-[(2S)-1-methoxypropan-2-yl]acetamide; (R a S a)-2-chloro-N-(6-ethyl-o-tolyl)-N-[(1S)-2-methoxy-1-methylethyl]acetamide [contains 80-100 % 2-chloro-N-(2-ethyl-6-methylphenyl)-N-[(2S)-1-methox-ypropan-2-yl]acetamide and 0-20 % 2-chloro-N-(2-ethyl-6-met	87392-12-9	

	hylphenyl)-N-[(2R)-1-methoxypropan-2-yl]acetamide]		
1760	Trimethyl borate	121-43-7	204-468-9”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Following advice from the Scientific Advisory Group on Chemical Safety of Non-Food and Non-Medicinal Consumer Products that there is a potential risk to human health from the use of certain chemical substances in cosmetic products, these Regulations amend Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (“the Cosmetic Regulation”). Specifically, regulation 2(2) amends Annex 2 to the Cosmetic Regulation (list of substances prohibited in cosmetic products) (“Annex 2”) to prohibit the use of 3-(4'-methylbenzylidene)-camphor in cosmetic products. Regulation 2(4) amends the Preamble to Annex 5 (list of preservatives allowed in cosmetic products) to the Cosmetic Regulation to reduce the threshold for warning labelling requirements for formaldehyde releasing preservatives used in cosmetic products. These amendments apply from 15th July 2026.

Regulation 2(3) and the Schedule further amend Annex 2 to add substances that have been classified as category 1B or 2 carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction (“CMR”) substances under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, prohibiting these substances from use in cosmetic products. This amendment applies from 15th August 2026.

Regulation 3 sets out the transitional arrangements for cosmetic products containing these substances.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or business sectors is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside these Regulations on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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