Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on Cosmetic Products (CPR)\(^1\) ensures a high level of protection of human health by laying down a system of restrictions and prohibition on the use of certain substances in cosmetics. Concerns about human health are addressed via the risk assessment carried out by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS). Based on the SCCS opinions, substances are regulated in respective annexes to the CPR. From the 26 substances listed in the study\(^2\), 22 are already regulated in the CPR. As regards the 4 remaining substances, there were 2 identified as ‘allergenic’ in the study. The one listed as ‘parfum’ is not considered a substance\(^3\) under the CPR. As for the second one, ‘Citrus aurantium amara flower water’, the various ingredients from the citrus plant family are expected to be covered by the draft regulation on the labelling of additional allergens currently under preparation and foreseen for adoption in early 2023. As for the other 2 remaining substances, the study identified Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT) as endocrine disruptor (ED) and Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) as problematic for the environment. Considering potential ED properties\(^4\), the SCCS assessed BHT, which was found safe for human health with restrictions\(^5\). They will be listed in Annex III\(^6\) to the CPR by the end of 2022. Disodium EDTA is subject to harmonised hazard classification under CLP\(^7\) and its restriction due to environmental concerns is foreseen under the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation\(^8\) with direct implications for use in cosmetics.

The Commission intends to submit the proposal for the revision of the CPR by the end of 2022.

As mentioned above, labelling requirements for additional allergens will be introduced in the CPR via an amending regulation already under preparation and foreseen for adoption in early 2023.

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\(^3\) As per Article 19 (1) to CPR ‘perfume and aromatic compositions and their raw materials shall be referred to by the terms ‘parfum’ or ‘aroma’ for labelling purposes.
\(^6\) List of substances which cosmetic products must not contain except subject to restrictions laid down.