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opinions SCCNFP/0320/00 and SCCNFP/0392/00  
concerning**

**the Conditions of Use of Fragrance Ingredients obtained  
from Verbena (*Lippia citiodrora Kunth*) in Cosmetic  
Products**



- on consumer products
- on emerging and newly identified health risks
- on health and environmental risk

The SCCP adopted this opinion at its 11<sup>th</sup> plenary on 21 March 2007

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The SCCNFP<sup>1</sup> adopted at its 12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of 3 May 2000 the opinion (SCCNFP/0320/00) "An Initial List of Perfumery Materials which must not Form Part of fragrances Compounds used in Cosmetic Products."

It was therein mentioned under entry 36: "*Verbena (Lippia citriodora Kunth.) essential oils and derivatives e.g. concrete and absolute CAS: 8024-12-2. Prohibited. Should not be used as a fragrance ingredient, based on the sensitizing potential*".

The implementation of the opinion (SCCNFP/0320/00) was done by the following ban in annex II: "450. *Verbena oil (Lippia citriodora Kunth.) (CAS No 8024-12-2), when used as a fragrance ingredient*".

However, the SCCNFP adopted at its 18<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of 25 September 2001 the opinion (SCCNFP/0392/00) "An Initial List of Perfumery Materials which must not Form Part of Cosmetic Products except subject to the Restrictions and Conditions laid down."

One of the mentioned perfumery ingredients is Verbena. It is in entry 28 of this opinion: "*Verbena absolute CAS no: 8024-12-2. Verbena absolute obtained from Lippia citriodora Kunth should not be used such that the level in finished cosmetic products exceeds 0.2%. Based on test results showing sensitisation (IFRA guidelines)*."

## 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. *Can the SCCP clarify whether the original advice not to use verbena essential oils and derivatives as stated in SCCNFP/0320/00 should not have had included derivatives such as concrete and absolute of verbena, but should solely have covered the crude verbena oil or the exudation of Verbena?*
2. *If yes, does SCCP consider that the restriction of 0.2% in the finished cosmetic product should cover not alone the absolute form of verbena as proposed in SCCNFP/0392/00 but also the concrete form?*

## 3. OPINION

The SCCP recognises contradiction in the entries on 'Verbena (*Lippia citriodora Kunth*)' in the respective opinions.

However, and in order to respond to the questions asked, the following information is required:

- \* Clarification of the botanical identity of the entry 'Verbena (*Lippia citriodora Kunth*)' as listed in the opinions SCCNFP/0320/00 and SCCNFP/0392/00, which were taken from the IFRA Guidelines;

<sup>1</sup> Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and Non-Food Products intended for Consumers

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- \* Chemical identification/characterisation of fragrance ingredients derived from 'Verbena (*Lippia citiodrora Kunth*);
  - \* Sensitisation studies on the fragrance ingredients derived from 'Verbena (*Lippia citiodrora Kunth*), conforming to current standards and guidelines.

#### **4. MINORITY OPINION**

Not applicable

#### **5. REFERENCES**

1. Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and Non-Food Products intended for Consumers concerning an initial list of perfumery materials which must not form part of cosmetic products except subject to the restrictions and conditions laid down. Adopted by the SCCNFP during the 18<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of 25 September 2001 - Doc. n° SCCNFP/0392/00.
2. Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and Non-Food Products intended for Consumers concerning the 1<sup>st</sup> Update of the inventory of ingredients employed in cosmetic products - Section II: Perfume and Aromatic raw materials Adopted by the SCCNFP during the plenary session of 24 October 2000 - Doc. n° SCCNFP/0389/00.
3. Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and non-Food Products intended for Consumers concerning an Initial List of Perfumery Materials which must not form part of Fragrance Compounds used in Cosmetic Products, adopted by the SCCNFP during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of 3 May 2000. Doc. n° SCCNFP/0320/00
4. Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Cosmetic Products and non-Food Products intended for Consumers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Update of the Inventory of Ingredients employed in Cosmetic Products (Section I), adopted by the SCCNFP during the 13<sup>th</sup> plenary session of 28 June 2000. Doc n° SCCNFP/0299/00