

US FDA Bans Lead Acetate in Cosmetic Hair Dyes



On October 31, 2018, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a final rule to remove lead acetate in hair coloring products given potential safety concerns about lead exposure from these products.

The color additive lead acetate (the trihydrate of lead (2+) salt of acetic acid; CAS No. 6080-56-4) has been in use in cosmetic hair dyes for the past 40 years. In response to a color additive petition filed in 2017, FDA finally amended the regulations to ban the use of lead acetate in cosmetics intended for coloring hair on the scalp based on new scientific data that show there is no longer a reasonable certainty that there is no harm from the use of lead acetate as a color additive.

According to the Federal Register Notice, effective on December 3, 2018, use of lead acetate as a color additive in cosmetics intended for coloring hair on the scalp is no longer authorized.

The FDA is exercising enforcement discretion for a period of 12 months from the effective date to allow firms to reformulate products.

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FDA Statement

<https://www.fda.gov/cosmetics/productsingredients/products/ucm143075.htm>

Federal Register Notice

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/10/31/2018-23725/termination-of-listing-of-color-additive-exempt-from-certification-lead-acetate?utm_campaign=CFSAN%20CU%2010_30_2018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Elogua

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