

Health Canada Draft Guidance Document on Heavy Metal Impurities in Cosmetics

Many heavy metals are prohibited as intentional ingredients in cosmetic products sold in Canada. The purpose of this Health Canada guidance document is to determine the appropriate limits when found as impurities in cosmetic products, particularly limits for lead, arsenic, cadmium, mercury and antimony.

This consultation is open for comment starting January 19, 2009 until March 4, 2009. Please read through the **Consultation Document** which can be found at

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/legislation/consultation/_cosmet/metal-metaux-consult-eng.php

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