



**NATIONAL ECZEMA ASSOCIATION**

**SEAL OF ACCEPTANCE™**



**GUIDE: INGREDIENTS TO AVOID**

The Seal of Acceptance may be awarded to products that avoid ingredients known to irritate eczema or sensitive skin. The following list of irritants and contact allergens is presented as a guide only, as there are other ingredients categories such as vehicle components, surfactants, chemical sun blocks and natural ingredients (oils plant and food products) that require specific review. The Seal of Acceptance Review Panel may require additional data to determine suitability.

**Preservatives:**

Methylchloroisothiazolinone (MCI)\*  
Methylisothiazolinone (MI)\*  
benzoic acid\*  
sorbic acid\*  
lactic acid\*  
formaldehyde  
methylidibromo glutaronitrile

**Abrasives:**

benzoyl peroxide  
urea  
mica  
silica  
bismuth oxychloride  
polyethylene beads

**Formaldehyde releasers:**

quaternium-15  
2 bromo 1-3 nitropropane diol  
diazolidinyl urea  
imidazolidinyl urea  
DMDM hydantoin

**Volatile Solvents:**

ethanol  
volatile propellants

**Fragrance:**

colognes  
herb extracts  
masking fragrance  
perfume

**Penetrants:**

low-molecular weight glycols  
(in high concentration levels)  
hydroxyl acids retinoids

**Dyes:**

D and C yellow #11  
F, D and C blue #1  
F, D and C yellow #5 (tartrazine)

**Other:** camphor

\* Product type and formula concentration levels are considered in the evaluation.