







Cosmetics and Personal Care Products are Essential to New York

The U.S. cosmetics and personal care products industry prides itself on its ability to work with state legislators to develop evidence-based, scientifically sound reviews of cosmetic ingredients. As written, the New York “ingredient bills” A.B. A2054 and S.B. S2057 would **ban safe and commonly used preservative ingredients that help maintain the shelf life of popular products, such as shampoo, makeup, body wash and shaving products.**

Ingredients Overview

Preservative ingredients ensure that products remain free from harmful microorganisms, maintain their intended texture and appearance and provide the desired benefits to consumers. The absence of effective preservatives could lead to shorter product shelf and use life, reduced product availability and higher prices for consumers.

U.S. and European Union regulatory bodies have deemed the following ingredients safe for cosmetics and personal care products, ensuring consumer safety when formulated appropriately.

	Ingredients	Descriptions	Common Uses
	Ethylparaben, Methylparaben and Propylparaben	Widely used preservatives in cosmetics, foods and drugs to protect products against a broad spectrum of microorganisms	Facial lotions, makeup foundations, shampoo and body washes
	Diazolidinyl Urea, DMDM Hydantoin, Imidazolidinyl Urea	Preservative ingredients that are deemed safe for use in cosmetics in the U.S. and internationally	Facial lotions, makeup foundations, shampoo and body washes
	Triethanolamine	Commonly used as a pH adjuster in cosmetics to make products more stable	Eyeshadow, blush, fragrances, hair dyes, gels and shaving products
	Carbon Black	Black 2 is a color additive approved by the FDA for use in cosmetics like mascara and eyeliner	Eyeliner and mascara
	Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA) and Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)	Antioxidants and preservatives that are deemed safe for use in cosmetics to maintain the quality and safety of products and extend shelf life	Facial lotions, foundations, shampoo and body washes