The BFA Clean Standard

The BFA Clean Standard takes The Out List™ to the next level, educating our community members on an additional 1,800+ ingredients to be mindful of. The BFA Clean Standard was developed through a rigorous screening and vetting process developed by North America's leading toxicology group, The Agyekum Group Consulting (TAGC), to help highlight products that are formulated to reduce adverse impacts to human and environmental health.

Specific Ingredient Requirements

General Substance Restrictions

The following substances are restricted or prohibited in any product sampled at BFA, including as incidental or indirect additions:

- Aluminum powder elemental aluminum hydroxide (CAS 21645-51-2; allowed as substrate for colorants), aluminum dimyristate (CAS 56639-51-1; restricted for spray mist applications), and aluminum silicate (CAS 12141-46-7), compliant with HMT
- · Benzalkonium chloride
- Bisphenol A (BPA)
- Butoxyethanol
- Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)
- Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) allowed up to 0.1%
- Camphor (> 3%)
- Chemical UV filters: oxybenzone/benzophenone-3 (CAS 131-57-7), avobenzone, octinoxate, octisalate, homosalate, octocrylene
- · Coal tar (allowed only for vegan or red-blended products to achieve color matching)
- Ethylenediaminetetraacetic (EDTA)
- Ethanolamines (including DEA/TEA/MEA/ETA)
- Formaldehydes and formaldehyde-releasing agents (including tosylamide/formaldehyde resin, methylene glycol, paraformaldehyde, polyoxymethylene urea, methenamine, benzylhemiformal, quaternium-15)
- Hydroquinone
- Isothiazolinones (all)
- · Mercury and mercury compounds
- Methyl cellosolve or 2-methoxyethanol
- Mineral oil
- · Nanoparticles (titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, silver, fullerenes, silica, carbon black, quartz)
- Parabens (including butylparaben, benzylparaben, ethylparaben, isobutylparaben, isopropylparaben, methylparaben, propylparaben) prohibited in formula and raw materials
- PEGS (allowed if tested for 1,4-dioxane with statement and/or test data)
- PFAs (including PTFE)
- Phenoxyethanol (> 1%)
- Phthalates (excluding terephthalates)
- Plastic microbeads
- Polyacrylamide (CAS 9003-05-8) and acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1)
- Propylene glycol (> 0.1%)
- Quaternary amine compounds (as preservatives), excluding hydroxypropyl guar hydroxypropyl trimonium chloride and cocodimopropryl quar hydroxysultaine
- Resorcinol
- Retinyl palmitate (vitamin A palmitate)
- Silicones: D4, D5, and D6 (EU-approved silicones allowed)
- Shellac
- Styrene



- Sulfates (undetectable if used as surfactants): sodium lauryl sulfate (SLS) and Sodium lauryl ether sulfate (SLES)
- Talc (allowed with asbestos free-statement and/or test data)
- Toluene
- Triclosan
- Triclocarban
- Triphenyl phosphate (TPHP)
- Xylenes

The ingredients listed above must not be added intentionally. "Formulated without" is not intended to guarantee "100% free from." Trace (< 0.1%) contaminants may be present in final formula.

Fragrance Restrictions

In addition to the ingredients listed above, the ingredients listed below are prohibited from fragrance formulations.

Ingredient	SEC
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	84-74-2
Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP)	85-68-7
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	117-81-7
Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)	26761-40-0
Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)	28553-12-10
Di-n-hexyl phthalate (DnP)	84-75-3

