

AmorePacific's Control of Controversial Substances

In order to ensure the safety of its products, AMOREPACIFIC complies with legal standards on incompatible materials and restrictively incompatible materials. For some materials, we have set internal standards for more rigorous control.

1. 1,4- Dioxane

1,4- Dioxane is an impurity found in the process of synthesizing some surfactants and has been banned from being used as a raw material around the world, including in Europe, the U.S., and Japan. However, it is said that the safety of cosmetics is not affected if dioxane is detected as an impurity. The Korean Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) has also set a limit that ensures the safety of dioxane as an impurity in cosmetics, and AMOREPACIFIC has set a standard based on this for safety control.

AMOREPACIFIC is making efforts to minimize the amount of dioxane even from the raw material stage. We have also set an internal safety standard that is more rigorous than the legal requirements for raw materials in which dioxane may possibly be found, so customers can feel assured that they are purchasing safe products.

2. Phthalates

Phthalate may be found in two ways in the case of cosmetics. It is used as an ingredient in nail polishes for smooth application and used to manufacture plastic containers for cosmetics with traces of phthalate present in cosmetics unintentionally. In Korea and Europe, after testing its safety, a legal standard on phthalate levels in products has been set. Among phthalates, DEHP, DBP, and BBP1 are banned from being used as an ingredient in cosmetics due to safety issue. AMOREPACIFIC does not use phthalates as a raw material and has set an internal safety standard for selecting containers as well.

3. Paraben

Paraben is a preservative that has been used for a long period of time. It is still used extensively today. Butylparaben, methylparaben, and ethylparaben are most commonly used. Both Korea and Europe have set safety standards to control the use of paraben.

Nonetheless, for customers to feel more assured when they make purchases, AMOREPACIFIC does not use paraben and replaces it with alternatives while also developing more products that do not contain preservatives. We are also making diverse efforts such as designing containers that reduce contamination by micro-organisms during product use.