# SAFETY DATA SHEET

What do you do with skin or body cosmetics packaging? We usually throw away the "outer - paper packaging" in which the product came to us without reading it. However, we will be left with the packaging (plastic, glass), which already contains the product itself. Hand on heart; who among us actually reads the product information and who among us just starts using the product on a whim? It is often not easy to find your way around the number of pictograms on cosmetics packaging. Therefore, it may be easier for us not to examine them. However, these pictograms tell us a lot and especially they are there for our protection. Protecting our skin on the face and body from unwanted reactions to a product that has already lost its ability to serve well and properly. Pictograms will tell us about the composition of the product, about the suitability for vegans or allergy sufferers or lactating and pregnant women, about the method of disposal, about the possibilities of recycling and about the shelf life/expiration of a specific product.

# Watch out for a change in smell, color or consistency

Sometimes it can happen that we say goodbye to a favorite preparation before it is used up and before its shelf life is indicated on the packaging. But how do we recognize that our cream has "already expired"? A change in its smell, consistency or color will tell about it. The preparation may suddenly have a different smell or even a slight odor. This can happen both with creams and decorative cosmetics. As for spirals, shadows and make-up, drying, crumbling or clumping can occur. The products have already lost their function and can do more harm than good. In this way, you avoid potential health complications such as itching, skin irritation, rashes or other inflammatory manifestations. We raise a warning finger, if you notice any of these changes in your cream or other cosmetics, get rid of it without hesitation.

You can read the reasons why the product may malfunction below, in the section on proper storage.

#### **Proper storage**

You do not own warehouses and we are going to write to you about storage? Don't be alarmed, it is about storing our favorite skin, body, hair and decorative cosmetics. There are countless pictograms on the packaging of cosmetics, and even so, they do not cover all the information we should know, such as the one about the proper storage of the product. We all want our cosmetics to last as long as possible, preferably until we use them all up. Follow the pictograms on the packaging. How to properly store cosmetics when the pictogram is missing? Avoid a humid environment. But what to do if we have cosmetics right in the bathroom, which is definitely a wet place? Always close cosmetics carefully and store them in a lockable shelf, cabinet or drawer. It is also to avoid the effect of temperature fluctuations. For this reason, we don't even keep creams in the refrigerator, thinking that they will last longer. Just as extreme heat and excessive cold do not suit the products. So let's choose a darker place where the product will not be exposed to direct sunlight.

So let's look at the individual pictograms and explain their meaning.

# **Durability of cosmetics**



Each product has a different shelf life. The shelf life begins to count from the first opening of the product. This is the period during which all the active substances in the preparation are active, provided that proper storage is observed.

It is indicated by the symbol of an open bottle or an hourglass with a number and the letter m, which indicates the shelf life in months. English PAO – Period After Opening.

As a rule, there is a minimum shelf life: decorative preparations for the eyes and mouth 3-6 months, powder products up to 24 months, products with UV protection up to a year, skin and body creams 12 to 18 months, shampoos and conditioners 12 to 18 months, perfumes up to 5 years, makeup brushes until destroyed. The shelf life may vary, so always follow the labeling on the product packaging.

#### Composition of cosmetics

The composition must always be listed on the product packaging, you can find it under the English name Ingredients.

#### The volume of the preparation



The volume designation is used in milliliters "ml" or in grams "g" according to the density of the product. For products imported from America, the stated volume of fluid ounce "fl.oz" when converted to milliliters, 1fl.oz is 29.57ml.

#### Recycling

More and more companies are constantly trying to think ecologically and environmentally friendly when producing and using packaging.

# **Ecological packaging**



The company behaves responsibly towards the environment and it has no effect on the structure of the product inside. The pictogram indicates a product whose packaging was made from recyclable material. IF there is a % in the middle, it says what proportion of the packaging is made of recycled material, if there is a number on a scale from 1 to 7 (for plastic packaging), it says what type of plastic the packaging is made of, which tells us how to recycle it even better.

The packages produced in this way are indicated as a triangle by looped empty arrows.

# Waste sorting



We can all participate in the sorting and recycling of packaging together. Let's help reduce the environmental impact of produced waste together. This pictogram will also help.

A green or black-and-white wheel with looped arrows tells us that the producer of the packaging has paid a fee for the take-back and recycling of this packaging.

#### Waste disposal



The icon with the bin represents the recommended way of disposing of the packaging. It tells us in which container we should properly dispose of the used packaging. In English, the symbol is Tidyman.

#### "e" brand



It is a symbol designed by the European Union. Estimated sign or e-mark in English.

The "e" symbol confirms that the product actually contains the stated amount of milliliters of product as stated on the packaging.

Jumping hare



The company that lists it on the packaging of the product does not conduct or commission tests on animals for the purpose of producing the given cosmetics. The English label "Cruelty free" has the same meaning.

The pictogram says that the cosmetics have not been tested on animals.

Vegan



If you are looking for natural cosmetics, this pictogram is one of the most important for you. It is supplemented by certificates under the abbreviations: BDIH, COSMOS, CPK, CPK BIO, ECOCERT, COSMEBIO.

The products do not contain any substances of animal origin.

# Príbalový leták



There are products that have too much information about their composition or used, and therefore these are listed in a separate manual, to which you should pay due attention.

The pictogram of an open book for reading means that you can find more information about the product in the package leaflet.

# Plameň



Do not expose the product to fire or high temperatures. You will most often encounter this flame symbol on nail polish removers, deodorants, hairsprays, and generally on sprays as such.

Attention, this is a highly flammable product.

Bez lepku



Other word marks you may encounter on products

- Without alcohol
- Without perfume
- Without silicones
- Without sulfates
- Without parabens
- Not suitable for pregnant women
- Not suitable for breastfeeding women