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To Our Valued Customers:

This statement is regarding the European Commission’s (EU) Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Opinion on Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT). BHT is a synthetic antioxidant used in multiple applications such as food additives, pharmaceutical and cosmetic and personal care products. In early 2019 the EU Cosmetics Regulation prioritized a list of 28 substances that had the potential to be endocrine disruptors (ED). BHT was one of these substances.

Recently the SCCS was asked to give their scientific opinion on the ED concerns of BHT used in tooth paste, rinse- off and leave-on products.

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/docs/sccs_o_257.pdf

The SCCS performed dermal, *in vitro* and oral studies regarding BHT as an endocrine disruptor. The SCCS concluded:

- “Although the evidence on skin sensitization in animals is limited, from a range of human experience there is no evidence to suggest that BHT is a significant human skin sensitizer or contact allergen.”
- “On the basis of a safety assessment and considering the safety concerns related to the potential endocrine disrupting properties of BHT, the SCCS is of the opinion that BHT is safe as an ingredient up to a maximum concentration of 0.8% in other leave-on and rinse-off products.”
- “The SCCS concurs with the conclusions of EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) (2012) and VKM (Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment) (2019) that BHT is not of concern with regard to genotoxicity.”

Calumet products containing BHT include:

Product	Typical Concentration of BHT: ppm (%)
Petrolatum USP	<20 ppm (<0.002%)
White Petrolatum USP	<20 ppm (<0.002%)
USP Ointment Bases	<20 ppm (<0.002%)
Mineral Jellies	<20 ppm (<0.002%)
Versagel® M 200, 500, 750, 1600	<200 ppm (0.02%)
Versagel® MC 750, MC 1600	<200 ppm (0.02%)
Versagel® MD 500, MD 1600	<200 ppm (0.02%)
Versagel® ME 500, 750, 1600, 2000	<200 ppm (0.02%)
Versagel® ML 750, ML 1600	<500 ppm (0.05%)
Versagel® MN 750, MN 1600	<500 ppm (0.05%)
Versagel® MP 1600	<500 ppm (0.05%)
Versagel® P 200	<500 ppm (0.05%)

SCCS’s opinion is that BHT is safe as an ingredient up to a maximum concentration of 0.8%. Our products fall below this threshold. Calumet is aligned with this opinion for their products that contain BHT.

Please contact Calumet’s Product Support Team at technical@clmt.com should you have further questions.