

ALLANTOIN – Skin conditioning agent. Derived from comfrey (plant), animal sources, or created synthetically. Has never been assessed for safety.

CETYL ESTERS – Synthetic wax used as a thickening agent. No known toxicity. CIR assessed as safe.

CETYL RICINOLEATE – The ester of cetyl alcohol and ricinoleic acid (derivative of castor oil). No known toxicity. CIR assessed as safe.

CITRIC ACID – Chelating agent; fragrance ingredient. Animal studies show brain and nervous system effects, gastrointestinal effects, and respiratory system effects at very low doses. Animal studies show sense organ effects at very low doses (specific bodycare test). Animal studies show skin irritation at moderate doses. Because these studies were done over fifty years ago, we chose to keep this ingredient off the “bad” lists.

GLYCERYL STEARATE – Emulsifier. CIR assessed as safe.

GLYCINE SOJA – Fragrance ingredient, emollient. Soybean oil!

HAMAMELIS WATER – Astringent. Witch hazel water!

HYALURONIC ACID – Skin conditioning. Derived from plant oils. CIR assessed as safe.

POLYAMINOPROPYL BIGUANIDE – Has never been assessed for safety in the United States. Generally used as a gentle preservative in baby products. Has been assessed as safe with restrictions in Japan.

TOCOPHERYL ACETATE – Preservative. Animal studies showed broad systemic effects at moderate doses. CIR found strong evidence that it is a human skin toxicant, but assessed it as safe.

XANTHAN GUM – Binding, emulsion stabilizing, skin conditioning, viscosity controlling. Has never been assessed for safety in cosmetics.