POSITIVE ID LABELS

GB LABEL DEADLINES 2027

Cosmetic ingredient bans GB 2027

4-MBC ban and new formaldehyde warning
16 CMR substances, including TPO
Hexyl salicylate limits
13 more CMRs from March 2027

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WHAT'S INSIDE

14 JAN 2027
Sell-through ends: 4-MBC

14 FEB 2027
Sell-through ends: CMRs

23 MAR 2027
13 more CMRs banned

22 SEP 2027
Their sell-through ends

How to use this checklist

Two statutory instruments (SI 2026/23 and SI 2026/109) change the GB rules on which ingredients cosmetics may contain and what some labels must say. Work through each item, tick it off, and note who owns it. These rules apply in England, Wales and Scotland; Northern Ireland follows the EU Cosmetics Regulation.

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Key compliance dates

DATE	REGULATION	REQUIREMENT
15 Jul 2026	SI 2026/23	4-MBC banned. Warning changes to "releases formaldehyde" above 0.001%
15 Aug 2026	SI 2026/23 and 2026/109	16 CMRs incl. TPO banned; hexyl salicylate limits apply
14 Jan 2027	**SI 2026/23**	**Last day for 4-MBC stock placed before 15 Jul 2026**
14 Feb 2027	**SI 2026/23 and 2026/109**	**Last day for CMR and hexyl salicylate stock placed before 15 Aug 2026**
23 Mar 2027	SI 2026/109	13 further CMRs banned, incl. nano and massive silver
22 Sep 2027	SI 2026/109	Last day for that stock placed before 23 Mar 2027

Check your products

Start with formulation: which products are affected, and by which date.

■ FORMULATION

- [ ] **1. Find every product containing 4-MBC**
  Also called 3-(4'-methylbenzylidene) camphor or enzacamene. It is now banned and removed from the permitted UV filter list.
  CRITICAL

- [ ] **2. Check products that release formaldehyde**
  The label must now say "releases formaldehyde" where formaldehyde in the finished product exceeds 0.001% (previously 0.05%).
  CRITICAL

- [ ] **3. Check for the 16 CMR substances banned from 15 Aug 2026**
  Annex 2 entries 1745 to 1760, including TPO (CAS 75980-60-8).
  URGENT

- [ ] **4. Check hexyl salicylate levels**
  New limits apply by product type, for example 2% in fragrance (0.1% for children under 3), 0.3% in leave-on skin products and 0.001% in toothpaste and mouthwash.

- [ ] **5. Check the March 2027 list**
  13 further CMRs, including nano and massive silver, ozone and dinitrogen oxide, are banned from 23 March 2027.

■ STOCK

- [ ] **6. Count finished stock and label stock for each affected product**
  Note when each batch was placed on the market. That decides which sell-through date applies.

- [ ] **7. Plan around the sell-through dates**
  Products placed before the start dates can be made available until 14 Jan 2027, 14 Feb 2027 or 22 Sep 2027, depending on the change.
  URGENT

- [ ] **8. Check products sold in Northern Ireland separately**
  NI follows the EU Cosmetics Regulation, not these GB instruments.

Update your labels

Then the artwork, and the timing of new label runs.

■ ARTWORK

- [ ] **9. Update the ingredients (INCI) list after reformulating**
  Every ingredient change needs a matching label change.

- [ ] **10. Update warnings** CRITICAL
  Including the new "releases formaldehyde" wording where it applies.

- [ ] **11. Time your reprints**
  Order smaller runs as each date gets closer so old labels don't outlast the products they belong to.

■ SIGN OFF

- [ ] **12. Get the responsible person to approve new labels**
  They are accountable for the product's compliance.

- [ ] **13. Keep records of what changed and when**
  Batch, label version and the date each product was placed on the market.

NEXT STEPS

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