

Symrise launches new preservative for cosmetics and personal care

— Broad spectrum protection of cosmetic products against microbial contamination

— A wide range of applications such as soaps, creams and wet wipes

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Symrise is launching its first benzyl alcohol-based preservative blend with the added power of SymSave H, SymOcide® BHO. The product effectively protects cosmetics from undesired microorganisms such as fungi and bacteria while being safe for consumers. In addition to the preservative benzyl alcohol, SymOcide® BHO (which is patent pending) also contains the multifunctional ingredients SymSave® H, an antioxidant, and the Hydrolite® CG, an emollient.

With SymOcide® BHO, Symrise now offers an alternative to its other SymOcide® preservatives, which are based on o-cymen-5-ol and phenoxyethanol. The new development offers an extensive spectrum of potential applications, ranging from soaps, shower gels and shampoos to creams, wet wipes and face masks. The product also works well and effectively with conventional surfactants as well as sulfate-free systems. "SymOcide® BHO is extremely effective and safe," says Dr. Sabrina Behnke, Global Product Manager for Preservatives in the Cosmetic Ingredients Division at Symrise. "The product is a true multitasker, easy to process and offers broad spectrum protection against bacteria and other microorganisms."

Fulfilling the requirements of the EU cosmetics regulation

SymOcide® BHO is an option for customers who are looking for an alternative to phenoxyethanol, but are not willing to compromise on efficacy against microorganisms. The clear, colorless liquid can be cold-processed and has a composition similar to that of SymOcide® PH. The difference is that SymOcide PH is based on phenoxyethanol and SymOcide BHO is based on benzyl alcohol. "Both substances fulfill the requirements of the EU cosmetics regulation and offer protection for a diverse range of products," says Behnke. "SymOcide® BHO is ideal for cosmetics manufacturers who prefer a one-step solution that can be cold-processed."

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