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RUMINANT-DERIVED MATERIAL IN COSMETICS

The Department of Health wishes to reinforce the advice given to the Cosmetics Industry in February 1990 (ref.)

It is possible that some ruminant-derived materials are being incorporated into cosmetics or beauty treatments which are then marketed as "natural" products.

The particular materials that should not under any circumstances be used in the manufacture of cosmetics or beauty treatments are:

1. bovine (cattle)-derived offals, or proteins derived from these offals. These offals are: brain, spinal cord, spleen, thymus, tonsils, intestines, ~~and~~ Bovine Offal (prohibition) Regulations

2. ovine (sheep)-derived offals and ovine placenta.

In view of the current uncertainty about the incidence of infection with spongiform encephalopathy agents it is probably advisable that these recommendations apply to the above ruminant-derived materials of any country of origin.

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