



Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists

ASCC POSITION STATEMENT

on the

Facts about Personal Care/Cosmetic Products

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The intent of this article is to indicate web-sites which may give reliable, science based information regarding personal care/cosmetic products. The statement is intended only to address general issues on products/material/claims which may be of concern to the public.

There is a multitude of sites which claim to have reliable information but which may be based on hearsay, opinion, use of outdated information or quite incorrect information.

Remember that in Australia, claims must be able to be substantiated and incorrect, misleading or deceptive claims can result in substantial fines through the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC).

There may also be requirements under legislation regarding permitted ingredients and state based legislation such as the Department of Fair Trading.

The links listed provide a good starting point for factual information.

Personal Care/Cosmetics

- www.thefactsabout.co.uk/ This is a comprehensive and detailed site from CTPA - UK
- www.furphies.org.au
- www.accord.asn.au/sustainability/beadrecede/
- www.personalcarecouncil.org/science-safety/ This is Personal Care Products Council (USA, formerly CTFA) see link to www.cosmeticsinfo.org under 'Science & Safety'

Sunscreens

- www.sunsible.org.au

Household Cleaning Products

- <https://accord.asn.au/sustainability/whats/>

Note - there may be some variation in what claims may be permitted in different countries.
