



Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists

ASCC POSITION STATEMENT

on the

"HEALTH FEARS OF SUNSCREEN CHEMICALS FOUND IN BREAST TISSUE"

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This is an ASCC Position Statement, in response to the following link, from an article that appeared in the UK Daily Mail (22 May 2018):

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-5754825/Health-risk-fears-chemicals-sun-creams-breast-tissue.html?ito=email_share_article-top

The following comments, extracted from the above article, is believed to be the most common-sense approach to this article:

"Commenting on the study, Dr Christopher Flower, director-general of the UK Cosmetic Toiletry and Perfumery Association, says:

'All the UV filters reported in this paper have been assessed for safety . . . and are approved for use in sun protection products and are listed in the EU's Cosmetic Products Regulation.'

Dr Flower also states;

'Presence alone is no indication of toxic effect or potential for accumulation. Many substances are found in our bodies that are merely passing through and cause no harm while doing so.'

'The oestrogenic activity of these substances is far weaker than the synthetic oestrogens in the birth control pill, the use of which has been deemed safe for many decades.'

'There is a wealth of information that supports the safety of UV filters and nothing linking them to a decline in fertility or abnormal endocrine effects.'

The Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists Technical Committee, endorses the comments made by Dr Christopher Flower (above), that sunscreens are safe for use.

The Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists Technical Committee also notes that; *'All the UV filters reported in this paper have been assessed for safety and are approved for use in sun protection products, as approved sunscreen chemicals, by the Australian Regulatory Authorities; Therapeutic Goods Association (TGA) and the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).'*