

Risk Assessment and Management of Fragrance Allergens – a way forward

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Contact allergy to fragrance ingredients observed in clinics remains a topic of high attention by stakeholders and regulators. The fragrance industry has developed its own risk assessment system for fragrance allergens, the so called quantitative risk assessment (QRA). The QRA allows to derive use levels that should prevent the majority of the population to become induced (develop a contact allergy). This risk assessment system is in place for several years now and recently in the context of the International Dialogue on Fragrance Allergens (IDEA; www.ideaproject.info) has undergone a critical revision. Major elements of the revision have been the underlying safety assessment factors and the incorporation of aggregate exposure. Details on this activity will be provided as well as a deeper insight in all the aspects covered under IDEA. Further activities in the context of the EU Cosmetics Regulation linked to fragrance allergens will be presented.