

**Sorbitan sesquioleate**

Your patch tests indicate that you have a skin contact allergy to sorbitan sesquioleate. This means that you should avoid contact with this substance in the future.

Sorbitan sesquioleate is related to the chemical sorbitol and is used as an emulsifier in cosmetic and medical ointments and creams. Its other names are *sorbitan monooleate* and *Span 80.*

Sorbitan sesquioleate may be contained within:

* cosmetic creams/ointments and other personal care products such as wipes/shampoos/body washes

* prescription creams/ointments such as steroids; it is found in *clobaderm ointment; cultivate ointment; dermovate ointment, haelan ointment*.

**The list of products containing this allergen may not be complete and does not always include items that may be available outside the UK. Always check the ingredient listing on the product, package or package insert. Ingredient listings may change over time.**