



## **Quaternium 15**

You patch tests show you have a contact allergy to Quaternium 15. This means that you should avoid contact with all products containing Quaternium 15 in the future. It is a preservative frequently used in household products. It may be known as Dowicil 200 in industrial products. Cosmetics require labelling in European Union countries where it will be known as Quaternium 15 but household products do not require labelling.

There are other Quaternium chemicals but it is only necessary to avoid Quaternium 15. Quaternium 15 may be found in:

### **Cosmetics and toiletries**

- Hand and face creams, moisturisers
- Shampoo, conditioner and hairdressing products
- Mascara and make up
- Wet wipes

### **Medications**

- Medicated shampoos e.g. ketoconazole shampoo
- Skin cream, emollients (moisturisers), ointments and lotions
- Suppositories
- Antiseptic wipes

### **Household**

- Washing powder and detergent
- Fabric softener

### **Industrial**

- Paints
- Cutting oils and cooling fluids

**Always check your products as these lists can never be complete and ingredients change.**