

NOTE

Sun Protection factors and their labelling from the Recommendation of 22 September 2006 on the efficacy of sunscreen products and the claims made relating thereto

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- The following range of sun protection factors for each category and the respective labelling is recommended (Sect 4, Point 14) of the EC Recommendation:

| Labelled category | Labelled sun protection factor | Measured sun protection factor (measured in accordance with the principles recommended in point 10 (a)) | Recommended minimum UVA protection factor (measured in accordance with principles recommended in point 10 (b)) | Recommended minimum critical wavelength (measured in accordance with principles recommended in point 10 (c)) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 'Low protection' | '6' | 6-9,9 | 1/3 of labelled sun protection factor | 370 nm |
| | '10' | 10-14,9 | | |
| 'Medium protection' | '15' | 15-19,9 | | |
| | '20' | 20-24,9 | | |
| | '25' | 25-29,9 | | |
| 'High protection' | '30' | 30-49,9 | | |
| | '50' | 50-59,9 | | |
| 'Very high protection' | '50 +' | 60 ≤ | | |

Following the EC Recommendation, Cosmetics Europe (The Personal Care Association – previously Colipa), recommends indicating on the labels the letters “UVA”, printed in a simple circular shape. The diameter of the Logo should not exceed the height of the SPF number. This standardised logo for UVA protection has been introduced so as to provide an indication of UVA protection - with this logo, consumers can know they have a quantified minimum UVA protection which increases in parallel with the increasing sun protection factor (the UVA protection factor should be at least 1/3 that of the SPF) and is based on a standard testing method.

