

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALLERGY-SUFFERERS

For most waterborne lacquers, varnishes, stains and finishes, preservatives are essential: They prevent the growth of mould and bacteria in packaging and extend the shelf life. The same also applies for waterborne stains and finishes from Osmo, such as Osmo Interior-Wax or Osmo Uviwax®.

Among preservatives, the compound group of isothiazolinones has great significance. One example in this group is 2-Methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one, also known as methylisothiazolinone or under the abbreviation MIT. MIT is one of the most commonly used isothiazolinones.

It is not only used in waterborne finishes and stains, but also in cosmetics or dishwashing liquids. Finishes and stains containing isothiazolinones generally exhibit no risk to consumers or end users because long-term and routine skin contact is not expected. As a result, no case is known in which a person has developed an allergy through the use of waterborne finishes or stains containing isothiazolinones. For people who have already developed an allergy to isothiazolinones, for example through cosmetic products, the direct contact to finishes and stains containing such preservatives may lead to allergic skin reactions.

In such cases, suitable work safety measures must be strictly observed, e.g. wearing gloves while working. End consumers, who have already developed an allergy, should consider using a preservative-free alternative – such as the renowned oil-based finishes and stains from Osmo.

When used appropriately, these products labelled respectively are safe to use. If intolerance is suspected, we recommend consulting a dermatologist for testing or checking your own allergy id card.

For queries about allergens in our products, we can be reached at the following telephone number: +49 172 51 56 913.