

PRESS RELEASE

CONSUMERS CAUTIONED AGAINST USING COSMETIC PRODUCT CONTAINING SCHEDULED POISON

The public is advised to avoid buying and using the following cosmetic products:

No.	Product name	Notification Number	Scheduled Poison Detected	Name of Product Holder	Name of Manufacturer	Notification Status
1.	La Bliss Skin Brightening Cream	NOT100764560K	Tretinoin	Bliss Skin Care Marketing	Cylin Cosmetic Sdn Bhd	Expired on 05 Februari 2012
2.	Sans Dynamic Intensive Light Cream	NOT100769625K	Mercury	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Expired on 05 April 2012
3.	Putih Gebu Sun-Block Collagen Lotion	NOT100771321K	Mercury	Ramaju Sdn Bhd	Ramaju Sdn Bhd	Expired on 28 April 2012
4.	MS Wellmood Enhancing Cream	NOT100777776K	Tretinoin	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Expired on 23 Jun 2012
5.	Renewing Cream	NOT100761728K	Tretinoin	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Expired on 14 Januari 2012
6.	Bio-Clear Intensive Renewal Complex	NOT120503338K	Tretinoin	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Cancelled on 08 Oktober 2012
7.	E Beaute Total Revitalizer Night Cream	NOT100777765K	Mercury	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Expired on 17 Jun 2012
8.	MS Wellmood Lightening Complex	NOT100777789K	Mercury	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Noble Aspect Sdn Bhd	Expired on 17 Jun 2012

The cosmetic products as mentioned above have been tested and detected to contain scheduled poisons **tretinoin** and **mercury**. Out of the eight (8) products above, seven (7) products were previously notified with the Ministry of health (MOH), but the notifications have expired as stated in the list above. The notification for product Bio-Clear Intensive Renewal Complex has been cancelled by the MOH on the 8 October 2012. All mentioned products as above are no longer allowed to be sold in Malaysia.

The usage of tretinoin and mercury in cosmetic products are prohibited. Preparations containing tretinoin should only be used under the supervision of healthcare

professionals. The unsupervised usage of tretinoin can cause redness to the skin, peeling, discomfort and skin becomes sensitive to sunlight.

Mercury compounds are readily absorbed through the skin on topical application and tend to accumulate in the body. Direct and prolonged exposure to mercury can cause damage to the brain, nervous system and kidneys. Using products containing mercury can also result in skin rashes, irritation and other changes to the skin.

Companies responsible for placing the products in the market have been instructed to immediately halt the sales and supplies of the products mentioned and remove all physical stocks from the market within 72 hours.

Anyone who is in possession of these products is advised to immediately cease selling/distributing/using it. Sellers are reminded that **possession** of these products is an offence under the Control of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations 1984. Any individual who commits an offence under these Regulations can be fined up to a maximum of RM25,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or both, and for a second or subsequent offence he shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding RM50,00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both. A company found guilty can be fined up to RM50,000 for the first offence and fine up to a maximum of RM100,000 for a subsequent offence.

Consumers are advised to contact the National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau (NPCB) at 03-78835532/5534 if they experience any allergic reactions or adverse events from the use of cosmetic products.

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