

PRESS RELEASE

CONSUMERS CAUTIONED AGAINST USING COSMETIC PRODUCTS CONTAINING SCHEDULED POISONS

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

No	Name of Products	Notification Number	Scheduled Poison Detected	Notification Holder	Manufacturer
1	ZARA REJUVENATION CREAM	NOT04081873KE	Hydroquinone	MUM BIO COS MANUFACTURING SDN BHD	MUM BIO COS SDN BHD
2	BEAUTY LINE BEAUTITUDE MULTI-PURPOSE CREAM	NOT081201209K	Tretinoin	BEAUTY LINE SKIN CARE & COSMETIC SDN BHD	YAKIN INVEST CORPORATION SDN BHD
3	PIGMENTATION RECOVERY COMPLEX	NOT081200745K	Tretinoin	MYCREME SKINCARE PRODUCTS	SKY RESOURCES SDN BHD

The product notifications of the above cosmetics have been cancelled by the Senior Director of Pharmaceutical Services following the detection of scheduled poisons **hydroquinone** and/or **tretinoin**.

The usage of hydroquinone and tretinoin in cosmetic products is prohibited due to the possible side effects to consumers if it is used without medical supervision.

Tretinoin can cause redness to the skin, peeling, discomfort and skin becomes sensitive to sunlight.

Hydroquinone can cause redness to the skin, discomfort, changes in skin colour and hypersensitivity. Hydroquinone inhibits the pigmentation process (depigmentation). This process attenuates the ability of the skin to protect our body from harmful UV rays and excessive sunlight which can bring risk of skin cancer. Excessive depigmentation is dangerous for those living in the tropical region

Anyone who is in possession of this product is advised to immediately cease selling/distributing/using it. Sellers are reminded that **possession** of this product 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 RM50,000 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 fined up to a maximum of RM100,000 for a subsequent offence.

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