

PRESS RELEASE

CONSUMERS CAUTIONED AGAINST USING COSMETIC PRODUCT CONTAINING SCHEDULED POISON

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

Bil.	Nama Produk	Nombor Notifikasi	Racun Berjadual Yang Dikesan	Nama Pemegang Notifikasi	Nama Pengilang
1.	Acrena Pure Herbal Papaya Soap	NOT100802337K	Tretinoin	Haresh Enterprises Sdn. Bhd.	Re-X Products Co. Ltd., Thailand
2.	White Complex	NOT100801451K	Tretinoin	NB Natural Beauty Facial & Slimming (uda) Sdn. Bhd.	Cylin Cosmetic Sdn. Bhd.
3.	SS Pearl Cream	NOT110602263K	Merkuri	Shin Viky Beauty Global	Kingou (International) Cosmetics co. Ltd., China
4.	SS Vita C Night Repair	NOT110602264K	Merkuri	Shin Viky Beauty Global	Kingou (International) Cosmetics co. Ltd., China

The cosmetic products as mentioned above have been tested and detected to contain scheduled poison **tretinoin** and **mercury**. 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.

Cosmetic products adulterated with tretinoin are commonly found in products used for acne treatments or to improve skin conditions. Preparations containing tretinoin should only be used under the supervision of healthcare professionals. The unsupervised usage of tretinoin can cause redness to the skin, discomfort, stinging, peeling and skin becomes sensitive to sunlight.

Cosmetic products adulterated with mercury are usually found in products marketed for skin lightening and anti ageing treatments such as freckles, blemishes and wrinkles. Exposure to mercury can cause damage to the kidneys and the nervous system. It may also interfere with the development of the brain in unborn children and very young children. Furthermore, exposure to mercury is not only limited to the person using the skin cream containing mercury but also to others especially children as mercury can get into their bodies from breathing in mercury vapours. Infants and children can ingest mercury when they touch the cosmetic products

containing mercury or their parents who have used these products. Using products containing mercury can also cause skin rashes, irritation and other changes to the skin.

The company responsible for placing the product in the market has been instructed to immediately halt the sale and supplies of the product mentioned and remove all physical stocks from the market within 72 hours.

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.

Consumers are advised to contact the National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau (NPCB) at 03-7883 5532/5534 if they experience any allergic reactions or adverse events from use of cosmetic products.

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