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Subject: Concern on the Safety of Washable Hair Chalk Sold Through Internet

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is concerned over the safety of washable hair chalks sold through the internet. The FDA has not received any notification in conformance with the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive for Washable Hair Chalks from any cosmetic establishments. These products may contain ingredients, such as dyes or colorants, chemicals and preservatives, which are not allowed and may cause allergies and adverse reaction on the scalp, head, eyes and skin.

Hair chalking is the recent craze among our teenagers, which involves rubbing a piece of colored pastel chalk onto certain strands of hair to change their hair color. For dark-haired persons, hair strands to be colored must be moistened first with water and then twisted on sticks as the chalk is being applied and lock in the color by running through a hair straightener iron.

The public is hereby advised to use only products approved by FDA to ensure the safety and quality of cosmetic products. Please check our website regarding the updated list of notified cosmetic products under Consumers Corner at <http://www.fda.gov.ph>. To report any adverse reaction, please email us using info@fda.gov.ph.


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