

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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SUBJECT: <u>UNNOTIFIED COSMETIC PRODUCTS TAINTED</u> WITH HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Cosmetic Regulation and Research (CCRR) received out of specification test reports released by the Central Laboratory last December 2014. The unnotified cosmetic products were collected by the Regional Field Office-National Capital Region (RFO-NCR) as part of the Post Marketing Surveillance. The products were tested for the mercury, lead and arsenic. The said products were found to have high levels of lead content beyond the 20 parts per million (ppm) limit set by the ASEAN Cosmetic Directives (ACD) as the acceptable limit.

The cosmetic products without FDA notification and found to contain violative levels of lead were as follows:

- 1. Baolishi Lipstick #20 (Red Case)
- 2. Miss Beauty New Formulized Moisture Lipstick # 2 (Black plastic container)
- 3. Monaliza Series Lipstick # 5 (Gold Case)
- 4. Miss Beauty BB Spray UV Resistance Whitening Spray (Plastic bottle with translucent cap and white spray)





All consumers are advised to buy cosmetic products that have FDA market authorization, and only from legitimate outlets.

All Field Regulatory Officers are hereby ordered to monitor, conduct inventory and seize all cosmetics products that have no FDA Certificate of Product Notification. Likewise, all local government units are requested to ensure that cosmetic products that do not have market authorization are not sold or offered for sale by ambulant and sidewalk vendors. The Bureau of Customs is requested to remain vigilant to prevent the entry of unregistered and toxic health products in the country.

Consumers are encouraged to report any adverse reactions from using a specific cosmetic product by accomplishing the ADR form found at the FDA website (http://www.fda.gov.ph). For more information and clarification, kindly email us at info@fda.gov.ph).

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