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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Dissemination of ASEAN Post-Marketing Alert System (PMAS) Report on Adulterated Cosmetic Products With the Reference No. (02)/MOH/DPS/PMAS/012018

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hereby issues this public health warning to inform the public of the ASEAN Post-Marketing Alert System (PMAS) report on the following cosmetic products:

	BRAND / PRODUCT NAME	FINDINGS
1.	Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi – Krim Nano (Night)	Presence of MERCURY
2.	Karisma Cosmetic – Night Cream	Presence of MERCURY
3.	Karisma Cosmetic – Day Cream	Presence of MERCURY
4.	Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi – Krim Malam (Night)	Presence of HYDROQUINONE
5.	Karisma Cosmetic – Treatment Cream	Presence of HYDROQUINONE
6.	Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Brightening Cream	Presence of HYDROQUINONE
7.	Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Derma Facial Toner	Presence of HYDROQUINONE and TRETINOIN

**Attached is a copy of the Brunei Darussalam PMAS Report with Reference No. (02)/MOH/DPS/PMAS/012018*

The aforementioned products have been tested by the Department of Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam as part of their post-marketing surveillance activities and results of the laboratory analyses show that these products are not compliant with the technical standards set forth by the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD).

Products #1 to #3 have been verified to contain mercury beyond the maximum allowed limit of 1 part per million (ppm). Mercury is a naturally occurring heavy metal which is known to be severely hazardous to health even in small amount. People exposed to mercury exhibits symptoms including but not limited to tremors, numbness and tingling in hands and feet, gingivitis or inflammation of the gums, pink discolouration of the hands and feet especially in children, irritability, and photophobia or sensitivity to light. Nursing mothers are doubly vulnerable because mercury are passed on to nursing babies through breast milk which can affect the baby's development.

Products #4 to #7, on the other hand, have been found to contain hydroquinone and/or tretinoin, both of which are no longer allowed to be part of a cosmetic product with the exception of the former in artificial nail systems. Products containing these two (2) ingredients are classified as drugs in the Philippines because of its multiple serious adverse effects (i.e.



sensitivity to light, skin redness and permanent skin discoloration) when used indiscriminately. Additionally, tretinoin may also cause harm to developing fetus and women planning to get pregnant or are already expecting are strongly advised to avoid using products containing tretinoin.

Because of the hazards posed by the aforementioned products, the public is strongly advised to be vigilant and report to FDA through any of the following channels any encounter with these products:

1. Send an e-mail via report@fda.gov.ph
2. Call the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline **(02) 857-1984**
3. Utilize the agency's online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport.

Furthermore, the public is also advised to only buy cosmetic products that have been notified with FDA. If unsure of a product's notification status, consumers may verify whether the product is authorized by FDA through the *Search* engine embedded in the FDA website accessible at www.fda.gov.ph. For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph or call the CCRR hotline.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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ASEAN POST-MARKETING ALERT SYSTEM (Form B) <i>(Use this form for multiple product alerts of same product type with similar issues)</i>		
Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Level of confidentiality: <input type="checkbox"/> Internal / Restricted circulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On public domain, specify website: www.moh.gov.bn _____	2. Issue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adulteration <input type="checkbox"/> Counterfeit <input type="checkbox"/> Quality defect <input type="checkbox"/> Safety aspect <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: - _____	3. Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Cancellation of registration <input type="checkbox"/> Labelling revision <input type="checkbox"/> Recall of product <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of registration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of product <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: - _____
4. Source / Type of signal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Local ADR reports <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific literature / local studies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post-market sampling and testing activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision made by other regulatory authorities &/or industry <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: - _____
Product information (whenever possible, please provide an image of the product)		
5. Product type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Biologic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cosmetic <input type="checkbox"/> Health supplement <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: - _____
6. Forensic classification in your country:	<input type="checkbox"/> General sales list / Over-the-counter <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy only	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescription only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: - _____
Reporting country / authority		
7. Name of country / Issuing authority: Brunei Darussalam, Ministry of Health	8. Report reference no.: (02)/MOH/DPS/PMAS/012018	
9. Department / Designation of person issuing the alert: Department of Pharmaceutical Services	10. Date of report: 31 January 2018	
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* To provide photograph of product.

Annex I

Report reference no.: (02)/MOH/DPS/PMAS/012018

Date of report: 31 January 2018

No	Description of product*				Marketing authorisation holder/ Product licence holder/ Company responsible for placing product in the market	Manufacturer • Name • Country	Investigations i.e. • Type of quality defect i.e. microbial contamination, heavy toxic metals, dissolution test • Type and amount of adulterant • Details of ADR	Actions i.e. • Level of recall e.g. hospital, retail, consumers • Type of recall e.g. batch specific • Date of withdrawal of recall etc
	Brand/ Product name/ Alternative name (e.g. local language)	• Active ingredients/ Generic name/ Full formula (for cosmetics, traditional medicines etc.) • Strength (if applicable)	• Dosage form/ Pack size (if applicable) • Batch/ Lot number • Date of Expiry or Manufacture (If applicable)	• Intended use as listed on label:				
1.	Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi – Krim Nano (Night)	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : +/- 6g Batch No: Not Stated Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: Not Stated	• Not Stated	Not Stated	Malaysia	Product tested and found to contain MERCURY	The product is banned from the market
2.	Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi – Krim Malam (Night)	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : +/- 6g Batch No: Not Stated Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: Not Stated	• Not Stated	Not stated	Malaysia	Product tested and found to contain HYDROQUINONE	The product is banned from the market
3.	Karisma Cosmetic – Night Cream	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : 7g Batch No: Not Stated Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: Not Stated	• Turneric cream works to eliminate the effects of freckles, acne and black spots. • Extremely suitable for dull face and rough skin surface. (translated from Malay)	Not Stated	Malaysia	Product tested and found to contain MERCURY	The product is banned from the market
4.	Karisma Cosmetic – Treatment Cream	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : 7g Batch No: Not Stated Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: Not Stated	• Tightening cream which can eliminate fine lines and signs of aging. • It can also remove scarring and acne scars. • Additionally it also taps the skin. (translated from Malay)	Not Stated	Malaysia	Product tested and found to contain HYDROQUINONE	The product is banned from the market

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5.	Karisma Cosmetic – Day Cream	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : 7g Batch No: Not Stated Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: Not Stated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate the effects of scarring and the effects of aging. This cream can make your skin brighter in 1 week. <i>(translated from Malay)</i> 	Not Stated	Malaysia	Product tested and found to contain MERCURY	The product is banned from the market
6.	Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Brightening Cream	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : 10g Batch No: 59001432 Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: 20 Oct 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is use for the treatment and prevention of severe cases of melisma, pimples, blackheads and whiteheads by penetrating pores to reduce breakouts, eliminate acne-causing bacteria, and remove dead skin cells It whitens dark spots, blemishes, and other discoloration such as freckles, and age spots to achieve younger-looking skin. 	Not Stated	Philippines	Product tested and found to contain HYDROQUINONE	The product is banned from the market
7.	Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Derma Facial Toner	Not Stated	Dosage Form : Not Stated Pack Size : 60ml Batch No: 89101423 Man Date: Not Stated Exp Date: 15 Oct 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is use for the treatment and prevention of severe cases of melisma, pimples, blackheads and whiteheads by penetrating pores to reduce breakouts, eliminate acne-causing bacteria, and remove dead skin cells It whitens dark spots, blemishes, and other discoloration such as freckles, and age spots to achieve younger-looking skin. 	Not Stated	Philippines	Product tested and found to contain HYDROQUINONE & TRETINOIN	The product is banned from the market

Pictures of products:



Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi – KRIM NANO (NIGHT)



Deeja Cosmetic Keayuan Semula Jadi - KRIM MALAM (NIGHT)



Karisma Cosmetic – Night Cream



Karisma Cosmetic – Treatment Cream



Karisma Cosmetic – Day Cream



Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Brightening Cream



Fairy Skin Derma Facial Set – Derma Facial Toner