



California Cosmetic Safety Notification



Notification Name

CDPH Fact Sheets Now Available in Multiple Languages Concerning Mercury in Skin-Lightening Creams and How to Choose a Safer Product

Notification Date

07/16/14

Notification Reason

Fact sheets in multiple languages are now available on mercury in skin-lightening creams and how to choose a safer product. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) created the consumer fact sheets after an investigation found dangerous levels of mercury in several skin-lightening creams from San Francisco Bay Area stores.

The effort to find out if hazardous products are sold in California was a collaboration between multiple CDPH programs, including the California Safe Cosmetics Program, the Environmental Health Investigations Branch, the Food and Drug Laboratory Branch, and the Food and Drug Branch.

Resources

[CDPH warning on dangerous skin-lightening creams ... Chinese ... Spanish ... Tagalog ... Vietnamese](#)

[Mercury in Skin Creams](#)

[Mercury Poisoning Linked to Skin Products](#)

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