

The United States: Novacare, LLC issues voluntary nationwide recall of dietary supplements due to undeclared salicylic acid

Novacare, LLC of Murray, Utah is voluntarily recalling all lots of the following dietary supplements to the consumer level:

Name*	Brand Name
Thin & Slim	Fataway Ultimate Stack
ThermoFX	ThermoFX<
Thin and Slim	MaxOut Body
Metabolic Accelerator	Metabolic Accelerator
Thin and Slim	Burn Fat Now>
Thin and Slim	Thermogenic Fat Burner
TruTrim	
Thin and Slim Naturally AM	Thin and Slim Naturally
Thin and Slim	Extreme Stack
Xcellerator	
Asia Black	Asia Black
Black Widow	Black Widow 25
Methylidrene	Methylidrene Original 25

Details of the affected products can be found in the FDA's website. These products are marketed as dietary supplements aiding in weight loss, produced in capsule form, and were sold in bottles. These products were distributed nationwide to distributors.

Sample analysis by the FDA has revealed that these products contain the undeclared drug ingredient salicylic acid making these unapproved new drugs. Salicylic acid is acutely toxic, not recommended for oral use and is harmful if swallowed. Nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal irritation, loss of hearing, sweating to severe reactions of blurred vision, mental confusion, cerebral edema and cardiorespiratory arrest which could be life-threatening may occur. Since the labeling does not state salicylic acid is contained in the product, individuals who are allergic, elderly, have a history of stomach ulcers or bleeding problems, consume ≥ 3 alcoholic drinks per day, or take concomitant medications containing salicylates are at higher risk for toxicity. No illnesses from these products have been reported to date.

Novacare, LLC is notifying its distributors and customers by certified mail and is

arranging for return of all recalled product. Consumers should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking any of the aforementioned products.

Please refer to the following website in FDA for details:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm459815.htm>

In Hong Kong, the above products are not registered pharmaceutical products.

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