

Canada: Unauthorized skin lightening and skin treatment products may pose serious health risks: Update

Health Canada is advising about unauthorized health products for lightening skin or treating skin conditions (such as eczema or psoriasis) that may pose serious health risks. The products are labelled to contain or have been tested and found to contain dangerous ingredients. Health Canada updates the table below when it finds unauthorized health products for skin lightening or skin treatment.

The unauthorized products added are:

Product	Hazard Identified	Company
Hadalabo Pearl Barley Face Wash (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain aminocaproic acid	Tokyo Beauty and Healthcare Unit 3660 – 4151 Hazelbridge Way, Richmond, BC
Mentholatum Mediquick Eczema Rash Anti-Itch Ointment (Skin conditions)	Labelled to contain prednisolone valerate acetate	
Pair Acne Cream (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain ibuprofen piconol 3%	

Consumers are advised to stop using these products and consult their health care professional if they have used these products and have health concerns.

Please refer to the following website in Health Canada for details:

<http://recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/unauthorized-skin-lightening-and-skin-treatment-products-may-pose-serious-health-risks>

In Hong Kong, the above products are not registered pharmaceutical products. Related news was previously issued by Health Canada, and was posted on the Drug Office website since 7 Mar 2023, with the latest update posted on 28 Dec 2023.

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