

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.

The unauthorized products added are:

Product & (Promoted Use)	Hazard Identified	Company
Betnovate-N (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain betamethasone valerate and neomycin	All In One Wholesale Cash and Carry Ltd. 12815 85 Ave, Unit 107, Surrey, BC
Itch Guard + (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain terbinafine hydrochloride	Subzi Mandi Cash and Carry 1525 Bristol Rd, W, Mississauga, ON
Ring Guard (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain neomycin sulphate	
Fluocinonide Cream (Skin treatment)	Labelled to contain fluocinonide	South China Herbs Market Inc. 493 Dundas St W, Toronto, ON

Consumers are advised to stop using these products and consult their healthcare 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#wb-auto-64>

In Hong Kong, Betnovate-N Cream (HK-02810) is a pharmaceutical product registered by Glaxosmithkline Limited. The product is a prescription-only medicine. The pack of Betnovate-N mentioned in the Health Canada's announcement is different from the registered pack of the product in Hong Kong.

The other products mentioned in the Health Canada's announcement are not registered pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong.

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 3 Dec 2024.

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