



Selling Cosmetics and Personal Care Products Containing Mercury Is Now Illegal in New York State

The sale of cosmetics and personal care products containing greater than trace amounts of mercury is now illegal in New York State.

That's because mercury is toxic. Exposure to even small amounts can lead to brain and organ damage, and can cause many other harmful health effects as well. Mercury is used in some cosmetics and personal care products.

For more information on New York State's law on mercury in cosmetics and personal care products, visit the Department of Environmental Conservation webpage at <https://on.ny.gov/mercury>.



English



Español



ودرا



Kreyòl Ayisyen



繁體中文



বাংলা



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Français



한국어



Use these DEC guidelines to identify which cosmetics and personal care products may contain mercury.

Ingredient labels may list the following terms:

- Mercurous chloride
- Calomel
- Mercuric
- Mercurio
- Hg

Products containing any of these ingredients are illegal to sell in New York State.

Products may include soaps or creams labeled with the following terms:

- Skin-lightening, whitening, brightening, or bleaching
- Blemish/spot/mark/freckle remover or acne treatment
- Beauty, pearl, or anti-aging

Products labeled with these terms should not be sold unless you have confirmed that they do not contain mercury.

Products may be missing the following information on their labels:

- Name of manufacturer
- List of ingredients
- Active ingredients
- English translation

Products missing this label information should not be sold unless you have confirmed that they do not contain mercury.



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