

DH urges public not to buy or use facial mask with controlled substance (with photo)

The Department of Health (DH) today (November 30) appealed to the public not to buy or use a facial mask, namely Skin 18, which was found to contain an undeclared and controlled substance.

Acting upon a public complaint, the DH found that the above facial mask has been offered for sale at a retail shop in Mong Kok. Samples of the product were collected for analysis and test results from the Government Laboratory revealed that the samples contained fluocinolone acetonide, a Part 1 poison under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap 138).

The DH's investigation is continuing.

Fluocinolone acetonide is a steroid substance. Products containing fluocinolone acetonide should only be sold at pharmacies under the supervision of registered pharmacists upon a doctor's prescription. Inappropriate or excessive application of steroids could cause skin problems and body-wide side effects like moon face, high blood pressure, high blood sugar, muscle atrophy, adrenal insufficiency and even osteoporosis.

According to the Ordinance, illegal sale and possession of Part 1 poisons are criminal offences. The maximum penalty for each offence is a fine of \$100,000 and two years' imprisonment.

People who have purchased the above product should stop using it and consult healthcare professionals if they are in doubt or feeling unwell. They can submit the product to the DH's Drug Office at Room 1856, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, during office hours for disposal.

Skin 18

The silk mask is specially made for sensitive skin type or skin feeling discomfort after facial treatment. It can soothe skin redness and itchiness, and also relieve skin discomfort. Meanwhile, it can moisturize and nourish skin for avoiding skin dryness and dullness. With the special properties of soft, thin, breathable, invisible and possesses excellent skin affinity, this silk mask can fit all types of facial contour and hence increase the absorption rate of the essence from the mask.

Functions:

Soothe skin redness and discomfort
Supply sufficient water to skin cells
Remove skin dullness

Ingredients:

Deionized Water, Hyaluronic Acid, Allantoin, Hydrolyzed Oat Protein, Butylene Glycol, Glycerol, Cladospirum Okamurae Extract, PEG-40 Hydrogenated Castor Oil, Lubrajel Oil, Phenoxethanol, Methyl Ester

Usage:

1. After facial cleansing and toning, open the package and take out the mask. Remove the underlying non-woven layer.
2. Put the silk mask onto the face.
3. Wait for 15-20 minutes. It can provide sufficient time for skin absorption. Massage the face lightly with fingertips.
4. After using the mask, wipe the face with clear water afterwards. Then start the normal skincare routine as usual.
5. Recommend to use 2-3 times per week. Frequency can be increased depending on skin needs.

Cautions:

For external use only
Avoid contact with eyes
If there is any signs of skin allergy,
stop using it and consult a doctor at once
Keep out of reach of children
Store in a dry cool place

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