

Possible Lead Containing Home Remedies and Cosmetics

Region of origin	Name	Appearance	Use	Miscellaneous
China	Hai Ge Fen (also known as Sai Mei An).	Clamshell powder. Brewed in tea.	Given to treat stomachache, ulcers or mouth sores.	“Used to cool inner heat” that causes illnesses).
China	Ju Hua (formerly known as Xyoo Fa).	Tea, solution, pills.	Given to treat headache, fever, dizziness, & stomachache.	Available in different forms.
China	Litharge (also known as Mi Tuo Seng)	Green/red powder.	Available in different forms.	Contains lead oxide.
China	Cordyceps		Hypertension, diabetes, bleeding.	
China	Ba Bow Sen/San	Powder	Hyperactivity & nightmares.	Given to children.
Dominican Republic	Litargirio	Yellow or peach colored powder	Deodorant, foot fungicide, wound and burn treatment.	79% lead; sold in 2-inch by 3-inch clear packets.
India/Asia	Ghasard	Brown powder	Given as an aid to digestion Stomach ache.	May be given as a daily tonic. 2% lead.
India/Asia	Bali goli	Round, flat, black bean	Given to treat stomachache	Dissolved in “gripe” water.
India/Asia	Kandu	Red powder	Given to treat stomachache	
India/Asia	Desi Dewa	Tablet.	Increase fertility	12% lead.
India, Africa, Asia, Pakistan, Middle East	Kohl (Alkohl, Tiro Surma, Saott)	Black powder	Cosmetic, astringent for eye injuries, skin infections	Teething powder. Used on umbilical stump of newborn child.
India/Pakistan	Kushta		Treat diseases involving liver, brain, heart and stomach.	Also used as an aphrodisiacs & tonic.
India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Burma, Bhutan, Mongolia, Tibet	Ayurvedic medicines.	Powder and tablets.	Herbal medicines based on a traditional medical system commonly used in India and Asia.	Found in stores and on the Web.
India, Oman, Saudi Arabia,	Bint al dahab, bint or bent dahab		Diarrhea, colic, constipation, general neonatal use.	
Laos (Hmong)	Pay-loo-ah (also known as pejlum or PeLua)	Red powder	Given for rash or fever	90% lead.
Mexico	Azarcon (rueda, Coral, maria luisa, Alarcon, Liga, luiga)	Red/orange powder	Empacho (vomiting, colic), apathy, lethargy.	95% lead.
Mexico	Greta	Yellow powder	See above.	97% lead.
Mexico, Central America	Albayalde or albayaidle		See above.	93% lead.
Middle East	Anzroot		Gastroenteritis.	
Middle East	Cebagin		Teething power	51% lead.
Middle East	Henna		Hair and skin dye.	
Saudi Arabia	Bokhoor (and noqd)		Calm infants	Wood and lead sulfide burned on charcoal to product pleasant fumes.
Saudi Arabia	Al Murrah		Colic, stomach aches, diarrhea.	
Saudi Arabia	Farouk ,Cebagin Santrinj		Teething powder.	98% lead.

Adapted from: EPA ‘Traditional Remedies Known to Contain Lead’

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