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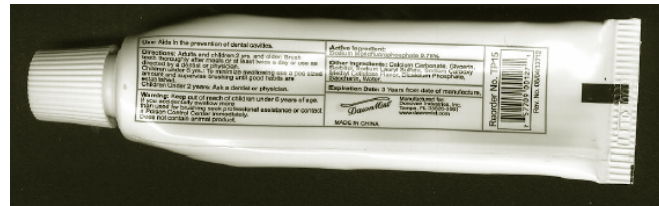
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## Health Warning Regarding Toothpastes Manufactured in China

On June 29, 2007, Health Canada issued a warning to Canadians not to use Chinese toothpaste found on the Canadian market because some of these products had been found to contain unacceptable levels of diethylene glycol (DEG). While toothpaste is not meant to be swallowed, a concern remains that unintentional swallowing or ingestion of toothpaste containing DEG may result in illness. The potential health risks from chronic exposure to DEG are a particular concern in specific vulnerable populations such as children and people with kidney or liver disease.

It has been determined that personal kits provided by the Social Services Department since approximately April 10, 2007, contain a 43 gram tube of Dawn Mist-Anti Cavity Fluoride Toothpaste which was made in China. **If you received a personal kit from Social Services, as a precaution, please stop using Dawn Mist-Anti Cavity Fluoride Toothpaste and throw it out.**

Although Health Canada has not listed Dawn Mist-Anti Cavity Fluoride Toothpaste as toothpaste from China found to contain DEG, anyone in possession of toothpaste made in China is advised to discontinue use immediately, ensure that these products remain out of the reach of children, and to discard any unused portion. To date, Health Canada has not received any reports of illness related to DEG toxicity in any toothpaste product. Additional information can be found on the Health Canada Warning on toothpaste from China, along with photos of all 24 products currently known to contain DEG, at the web site: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2007/2007\\_81\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2007/2007_81_e.html)



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