

Licorice Coughing Liquid Recall

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to use Licorice Coughing Liquid, a cough syrup product sold over-the-counter. The product was found to contain unidentified morphine. The cough syrup's labeling contains information written in English and Chinese. The product labeling does not identify the presence of morphine in English. With unidentified morphine, consumers who are hypersensitive to morphine could suffer severe allergic reactions if they take this product. Other effects of morphine can include, but are not limited to, respiratory depression and death.

This product is manufactured by Ma Ying Long Pharmaceutical Group in China and distributed in the U.S. by Master Herbs USA, Inc. in Pomona, CA. The distributor has agreed to recall the product. This product is available on-line and in some retail stores.

Consumers should not purchase this cough syrup, and anyone who has this product should not use it.

Healthcare professionals and patients are encouraged to report any adverse events or side effects related to the use of this product and/or quality problems to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- ✓ Complete and submit the report online: www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm
- ✓ Complete and return a form by mail (address on the pre-addressed form) or fax (1-800-FDA-0178).

[Call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form or download a form at
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/DownloadForms/default.htm>.]

For more information:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm482100.htm>