



**Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
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**TRADITIONAL REMEDIES, COSMETICS, AND OTHER PRODUCTS  
REPORTED TO CONTAIN LEAD**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b>	<b>CLAIMED USEAGE</b>
<b>Region: Latin America (i.e. Mexico, Dominican Republic, etc.)</b>		
<b>Albayalde, Albayaidle</b> ( <i>white powder</i> )	Mexico / Central America	Empacho (vomiting, colic), apathy, and lethargy
<b>Alarcon, Azarcon, Coral Luiga, Liga, Maria Luisa, Rueda</b> ( <i>red-orange powder</i> )	Mexico	Empacho (vomiting, colic)
<b>Estomaquil</b> ( <i>white powder</i> )	Latin America	Upset stomach, indigestion, nausea, diarrhea
<b>Greta</b> ( <i>yellow powder</i> )	Mexico	Empacho
<b>Litargirio</b> ( <i>yellow powder</i> )	Dominican Republic	Deodorant, foot fungicide, burn treatment, wound healing
<b>Region: Asia &amp; South Asia (i.e. China, Laos, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc.)</b>		
<b>Asian Tongue Powder</b>	Asia	Tonic; absorbs toxins
<b>Some Ayurvedic Remedies</b> ( <i>esp. some herbal metal-mineral preparations</i> )	India / Pakistan / Sri Lanka / Burma / Bhutan / Mongolia / Tibet / Vietnam	Tonic; infertility, diabetes, joint pains, asthma, and many other medical conditions
<b>Ba Bow Sen</b> ( <i>Ba Baw San</i> )	China	Colic pain or to pacify young children
<b>Bali Goli</b> ( <i>Sometimes dissolved in gripe water</i> )	Asia / India	Stomach ache
<b>*Some Chinese Herbal Remedies</b>	Asia	Tonic; infertility, diabetes, joint pains, asthma, and many other medical conditions
<b>Chuifong Tokuwan</b>	Asia	Arthritis for adults
<b>Cordyceps</b>	China	Herbal medicine treatment for hypertension, diabetes, bleeding
<b>Deshi Dewa</b>	Asia / India	Fertility
<b>Ghasard</b> ( <i>brown powder</i> )	India	Given as a tonic to aid in digestion
<b>Hai Ge Fen</b>	Asia	Unknown
<b>Jin Bu Huan</b>	China	An herbal medicine used to relieve pain
<b>Kandu</b> ( <i>red powder</i> )	Asia / India	Stomach ache
<b>Kohl, Kajal, Al-Kahl, Surma, Saoott</b> ( <i>black powder</i> )	India / Pakistan / Middle East / Africa	Astringent for eye injuries and umbilical stump, teething powder; Cosmetic
<b>Koo Sar Pills</b>	Asia	Menstrual Cramps
<b>Kushta</b>	India / Pakistan	Diseases of the heart, brain, liver, and stomach. Aphrodisiac, tonic
<b>Pay-loo-ah</b> ( <i>red powder</i> )	Lao (Hmong) / Vietnam	Fever, rash
<b>Po Ying Tan</b>	China	Herbal medicine used to relief fever, common cold, nausea and vomiting, or sore throat in children
<b>Pushpadhanwa</b>	India	Fertility

\* Some Chinese herbal remedies that are bottled in the United States may contain ingredients imported from Asia.

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NAMES	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	CLAIMED USAGE
<b>Region: Middle East (i.e. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, etc.)</b>		
Alkohl	Middle East	Topical medical preparation; applied to umbilical stump
Al Murrah	Saudi Arabia	Colic, stomach aches, diarrhea
Anzroot	Middle East	Gastroenteritis
Bint al Zahab, Bint, Bent Dahab	Oman / Saudi Arabia / Iran / India	Diarrhea, colic, constipation, and general neonatal use
Bokhoor ( <i>noqd</i> )	Kuwait	Wood and lead sulfide burned on charcoal to produce pleasant fumes and calm infants
Cebagin	Middle East	Teething powder
Farouk	Saudi Arabia	Teething powder
Kohl, Kajal, Al-Kahl, Surma, Saoott ( <i>black powder</i> )	India / Pakistan / Middle East / Africa	Astringent for eye injuries and umbilical stump, teething powder; Cosmetic
Santrinj ( <i>red powder</i> )	Saudi Arabia	Teething powder
<b>** Cosmetics: Cosmetics Sometimes Contain Lead</b>		
Henna dye with lead acetate	Middle East	Hair and skin dye
Kohl, Kajal, Al-Kahl, Surma, Saoott ( <i>black powder</i> )	India / Pakistan / Middle East / Africa	Cosmetic; astringent for eye injuries and umbilical stump, teething powder
Sindoor ( <i>orange or red powder</i> )	India	Cosmetic; used in some traditional South Asian ceremonies – applied to the forehead or scalp or sprinkled on religious statues
Srichoornam ( <i>yellow or white chalk</i> )	India	Cosmetic chalk made from turmeric and rice powder. Used for religious purposes. Applied to face and sometimes applied to twelve different parts of the body on a daily basis
<b>Other Products: Spices and Other Food Products Sometimes get Contaminated with Lead</b>		
Chapulines	Mexico	Delicacy; Grasshoppers (fried with chili powder)
Chili	Mexico & Other Regions	Chili powder used in imported candies or food
Curry Powder	Asia	Food spice
Lozena ( <i>bright orange powder</i> )	Iraq	Food coloring (rice & meat)
Paprika	Hungary / Republic of Georgia	Food spice
Sumac ( <i>purple to red powder</i> )	Middle East	Food seasoning
Tamarindo ( <i>in lead-glazed containers</i> )	Mexico	Fruit; Often used in chili candy or powdered seasoning
Turmeric	South Asia & Middle East	Food spice or remedy

\*\* The California Safe Cosmetics Act requires companies that manufacture cosmetics to report any cosmetics products that contain ingredients known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. The California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP) collects this data and makes it available to the public. To find out which ingredient has been reported, visit <https://www.safecosmeticsact.org/search>