

FDA Crackdown

Clairol Recalls 8 Sprays

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IN THE FIRST of its alerts against spray products containing the chemical vinyl chloride, a "harmful substance" which may be linked to cancer, the Federal Food and Drug administration has recalled eight hair sprays manufactured by Clairol, Inc.

They are:

Clairol Summer Blond Hair Spray, 13 oz., all lots

Miss Clairol Hair Spray, 13 oz., all lots

Sybil Ives Dress and Glow Hair Spray, 13 oz., several lot numbers beginning with A or F

Shining Touch Spray - On Hair Dressing, 15 oz., all lots

Clairol Firm Direction Hair Spray, 11 oz., many lots beginning with H, L, C, D

Sybil Ives Hold - XXV Hair Spray with Polomer S, 18 oz., all lots

Clairol Herbal Net Hair Spray, 20 oz., many lots beginning with A

CLAIROL INC. distributed the products across the nation in stores, salons and military PX's, and has begun recalling about 100,000 cans of hair spray. A Clairol spokesman said the possibility is remote the sprays would be harmful in normal use.

Vinyl chloride makes up the plastic, polyvinyl chloride, used in hundreds of household items. Five workers in the vinyl - chloride section of a B.F. Goodrich Co. plant in Louisville, Ky. have died of a rare liver cancer in the past 10 years and many scientists fear there's a link. Last month, federal scientists asked that worker exposure to the chemical be reduced to amounts too small to be measured. The exposure levels have not yet been reduced.

Anyone who owns one of the Clairol products should return it to the place of purchase for a refund, the FDA says.

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