

# LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING



The medicine you buy from outside the United States may be unsafe or ineffective.

## Don't risk your health.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and your community pharmacist are concerned that medicines you buy from outside the U.S. may present a health risk.

- Some imported medicines may have been made using unsafe procedures.
- Some imported medicines are fake.
- Some imported medicines may not have been checked for safety or effectiveness.
- Some imported medicines may be addictive or use dangerous ingredients.
- An imported medicine may not have information for treating side effects.
- The medicine's label, instructions and list of possible side effects may be in a language you do not understand.
- The label of some imported medicines may make claims or suggest uses that have not been approved.

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If you have any questions about the use of any medicine, FDA encourages you to contact your doctor, your local pharmacist or your state board of pharmacy.



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