Chloroxylenol (PCMX)

You have shown a positive allergic reaction to Chloroxylenol (PCMX). Avoid contact with this substance. Information about this substance is below.

What is it?
Chloroxylenol is a biocide (kills bacteria) primarily used in medications and certain household products with disinfectant properties. It is also used as a preservative in cooling fluids, creams, topical and urinary antiseptics, pharmaceutical products, and cosmetics.

How can I avoid it?
Products containing Chloroxylenol must be avoided by reviewing ingredients listed on the package, package inserts or Material Safety Data sheets (MSDS). Look particularly at the disinfectants and cleaning agents you use for your house and read the ingredients there to be sure they do not contain this chemical.

Uses:
- Adhesives and glues
- Cooling fluid preservative
- Skin Care Products / Cosmetics
  - Antiperspirants / Deodorants
  - Hair sprays, gels, tonics and lotions
  - Hair Colorants / "Permanents-Relaxers"
  - Make-ups
  - Moisturizers
  - Nail Polish / Nail Polish Remover
  - Powders / Sprays
  - Shampoos / Conditioners
  - Shaving products
  - Soaps / Cleansers
  - Sunscreens and Self-Tanners
- Antibacterial soaps
- Baby powder
- Bath products
- Carbolic petroleum jelly
- Cleansing products (creams, lotions, liquids, and pads)
- Feminine spray
- Foot cream
- Shaving cream
- Soaps, handwash, wipes, scrubs, lotions
- Electrocardiogram gels
- Household and hospital disinfectants
- Inks
- Medicated products
  - Acne creams
  - Antiseptics
  - Contraceptive douches
  - First aid jellies and sprays
  - Over the counter medications
  - Pharmaceutical products
  - Prescription corticosteroids
  - Urinary antiseptics
- Metal working fluids
- Paints and varnishes
- Textile finishes
- Pesticides

Other names for Chloroxylenol:
- 4-Chloro-3,5-dimethylphenol
- 4-Chloro-3,5-xylene
- Benzytol
- Dettol
- Husept extra
- Nipacide PX
- Ottasept
- Para-Chlorometaxylenol
- P-Chloro-m-xylene
- PCMX
- Chlorodimethylhydroxybenzene