

## Statement on Misleading Claims of Lead in Lipsticks

Many cancer-related email messages spread alarming information and ask recipients to forward them to friends. The Motives Dept researched a rumor that surfaced on the Internet. We consulted the [www.americancancersociety.com](http://www.americancancersociety.com) and we confirmed that lead is not found in Motives Lipstick. Please see below.

### **Rumor:**

In May 2003, an email began making the rounds claiming that many of the most popular lipsticks on the market contain lead and will cause cancer. The email then offers a way to test lipsticks to see if they have lead.

### **Fact:**

A search of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site finds no mention of concerns about lead in lipstick. Ted Gansler, MD, an American Cancer Society medical editor, calls the claims totally bogus.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) claims that there is no possibility of lead being present in lipsticks. All dyes used in foodstuffs or cosmetics have to be vetted by the FDA for safety, and although some of the colorants the FDA grants approval to do contain lead, it is present in such miniscule amounts that it has no adverse effects on consumers. Manufacturers who wish to do business in the USA are restricted to the use of FDA-certifiable colors only; otherwise their products will not be allowed in the country. What goes into cosmetics these days is strictly regulated, controlled, and fully understood. The FDA's [certification](#) process is exhaustive and exhausting. And only the FDA can certify colors as safe — no one else has that authority.

## 關於唇膏含鉛的虛假聲稱

網上近日廣泛流傳關於含鉛唇膏致癌的電郵訊息，Motives彩妝部就此調查有關謠傳。我們已諮詢美國癌症學會([www.americancancersociety.com](http://www.americancancersociety.com))，並確認從未於Motives唇膏內發現鉛份。詳情請參閱下文。

### 謠傳：

2003年5月，一封電郵廣泛流傳，指稱市面上很多受歡迎品牌的唇膏含有鉛份，並會致癌。該電郵更載有聲稱可測試唇膏是否含鉛的方法。

### 事實：

美國食品及藥物管理局(FDA)網站並無載有關於唇膏含鉛的任何資料。美國癌症學會(American Cancer Society)醫學編輯Ted Gansler醫學博士指有關聲稱完全失實。

美國食品及藥物管理局指，唇膏並不可能含有鉛份。食品或化妝品採用的所有顏料均須通過美國食品及藥物管理局的安全檢測；而雖然部份著色劑獲美國食品及藥物管理局批准使用，惟所用份量極少，因此並不會對消費者造成不良影響。於美國營商的生產商僅可使用須經美國食品及藥物管理局認證的顏料，否則其產品並不可在美國銷售。現時，化妝品成份經嚴格規管、控制，且獲充分了解。美國食品及藥物管理局的**認證**程序非常詳盡徹底，而且極為繁複；而只有美國食品及藥物管理局方可認證顏料的安全性，並無其他機構具有相同權力。