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FDA recall highlights ongoing safety risks from illegal “gel removers,” says Nail Manufacturer Council on Safety

Scottsdale, AZ – April 21, 2026 — The Nail Manufacturer Council on Safety (NMC), a council of the Professional Beauty Association (PBA), is responding to a recent [recall announced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) involving a Morovan-branded gel nail polish remover found to contain methylene chloride and chloroform, both substances are prohibited in cosmetic products.

The recalled product, sold online and marketed as a fast-acting gel remover, is part of a broader category often referred to as “magic removers” or “burst removers.” These products have been previously identified by the NMC as posing serious health and safety risks.

In December 2025, the NMC [issued a public warning](#) ahead of the holiday shopping season cautioning that these products may contain methylene chloride, a highly toxic and federally prohibited chemical.

“This recall confirms what we have been warning regulators and the public about,” said Doug Schoon, Chair of the Nail Manufacturer Council on Safety. “Products marketed as quick, easy burst gel removers continue to enter the U.S. market despite containing banned and hazardous chemicals.”

Methylene chloride, also known as dichloromethane, is not permitted in cosmetics under U.S. law and has been associated with cancer, acute toxicity, and fatalities in occupational settings. Chloroform is similarly prohibited due to its toxicity and potential health risks.

While approximately 4,000 units of the recalled product were distributed, the NMC is concerned that additional similar products remain available through online marketplaces, often without proper ingredient disclosure or regulatory oversight.

“Responsible manufacturers in the professional beauty industry prioritize product safety, regulatory compliance, and consumer protection,” said Leslie Perry, Chief Executive Officer for the Professional Beauty Association. “The presence of prohibited chemicals in products sold to U.S. consumers undermines that commitment and puts both licensed professionals and the public at risk. The NMC supports responsible manufacturing and urges stronger oversight to prevent illegal products from entering the marketplace.”



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The NMC urges licensed professionals, salon owners, and consumers to:

- Use caution with products marketed as instant or rapid or burst gel polish removers
- Purchase only from reputable, professional suppliers
- Report suspicious or unlabeled products to appropriate authorities

The NMC continues to call on regulators and online platforms to take stronger action to identify and remove illegal cosmetic products that violate U.S. safety standards.

Consumers and licensed beauty professionals may file a product safety issue in regard to the recalled Morovan-branded gel nail polish remover online at the FDA Safety Reporting Portal and or the FDA Adverse Event Monitoring System (AEMS).

About the Nail Manufacturer Council on Safety (NMC)

The NMC prioritizes nail product safety, and provides science-based, fact-driven guidance for professionals, consumers, and regulators.

About the Professional Beauty Association (PBA)

The Professional Beauty Association is the largest national trade organization representing the professional beauty industry, including licensed professionals, manufacturers, distributors, salons, and spas.

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