

# Health Canada warns against use of weight-loss product containing BZP

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OTTAWA - Health Canada is warning consumers who are watching their weight to stay away from an unauthorized product sold over the Internet that contains a synthetic substance called benzylpiperazine, or BZP.

The product is RevolutionDS Weight Loss, and is sold in capsule form.

Health Canada says BZP may cause increased body temperature, increased blood pressure, dilated pupils, increased euphoria, alertness and paranoia, and it is assessing whether to add it to a list of substances that fall under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

It says the recommended doses on the labels of RevolutionDS Weight Loss products will expose people to levels of BZP that have been associated with serious and life-threatening health consequences, including a Canadian report of cardiac arrhythmia.

Health Canada says BZP could also interact in a negative way with other substances, such as alcohol and prescription drugs.

The federal agency notes that the contact person at the website selling RevolutionDS Weight Loss has not been forthcoming in providing all the information needed to effectively recall the product.