

Mercurochrome- Market Survey on Mercury Added Products

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Planning and Development, is developing strategies to reduce releases of mercury (a chemical element that is toxic to human health and the environment).

Despite being toxic, mercury has been commonly used worldwide in a variety of applications due to its useful properties. Most commonly, mercury has historically been used in several useful products such as antiseptics like mercurochrome, among others, though mercury-free alternatives have become more common in recent years.

In order to better inform the development of national strategies to ensure the phase-out of mercury-added products, your cooperation and participation in a market survey is kindly requested.

CONFIDENTIALITY- All survey responses will be collated and analysed to inform the development of a national market survey report. Individual company/respondent's data will not be shared publicly.

Survey close date: 23 February 2022.

Approximate time needed to complete survey: 10 - 15 minutes.

If you experience any issues completing the survey or have any queries, please email Ms. Tahlia Ali Shah, Independent Consultant recruited to conduct the market survey at: tahlia.alishah15@gmail.com

* Required

1. Email *

2. Full name: *

3. Your official position in company: *

4. Name of Company *

5. For the preparation of Mercurochrome Solution 1% antiseptic by your company, which of the following procedures is most relevant to your operations. *

Mark only one oval.

- Import Mercurochrome Solution 1% for packaging and distribution
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- Import Mercurochrome Crystals for the manufacture of Mercurochrome Solution 1% within our operations *Skip to question 6*
- Purchase Mercurochrome Solution 1% from a local supplier for packaging and distribution *Skip to question 7*
- Purchase Mercurochrome Crystals from a local supplier for the manufacture of Mercurochrome Solution 1% *Skip to question 7*
- Other:

Import

6. Please indicate the country/countries from which Mercurochrome is imported. *

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Local Supplier

7. Please indicate the local supplier/s from which Mercurochrome is purchased. *

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8. Please indicate the most recent year of your last Mercurochrome import/purchase. *

9. For the most recent year indicated above, what was the quantity of Mercurochrome imported/purchased? *

10. For EACH of the past three (3) years (2019 - 2021), indicate your yearly production quantity of Mercurochrome Solution 1% antiseptic? *

Please separate quantities by year in your response.

11. Do you use the mercurochrome purchased for the manufacture of any products other than Mercurochrome Solution 1%? If yes, please provide details. *

12. In comparing Mercurochrome Solution 1% antiseptic to other common first-aid MERCURY-FREE antiseptics that you retail, which is preferred based on the following criteria? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Mercurochrome Solution 1%	Other comparable MERCURY-FREE first-aid antiseptics	No preference
Ease of preparation for distribution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability from suppliers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Longer life-time/shelf-life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effectiveness of product as an antiseptic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cheaper cost price for producers/distributors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cheaper sale price for consumers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Based on customer orders, please select the most accurate statement below.

Mark only one oval.

- Mercurochrome Solution 1% is a popular choice of antiseptic in comparison to other mercury-free antiseptics
- Customers typically prefer mercury-free antiseptics to Mercurochrome Solution 1%
- No preference noted
- Unsure

14. Do you foresee any challenges for your business if the Government of Trinidad and Tobago was to move toward mercury-free product promotion/ implement bans on the further import of mercury-added antiseptics? If yes, please provide details. *

15. If you have any further comments or feedback, please detail here:

Thank you for your response!

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