

# Eye infection cases reported in Europe

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Bausch & Lomb, based in Rochester, N.Y., reportedly has confirmed "a handful" of cases of eye infection in Europe among its ReNu contact lens solution users.

Cases of the infection, known as Fusarium keratitis, have been reported in Asia and the United States, leading the company to halt shipments of one of its products, ReNu with MoistureLoc in several countries, reports The Wall Street Journal.

The company also is scrutinizing its plant in South Carolina for a possible explanation of the infection, says the report.

The company did not say in which European countries or how many of the cases have been found, but a spokeswoman said these cases "will be fully evaluated."

The report said Fusarium keratitis is a rare but serious infection that can lead to blindness.

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