



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of Cosmetic Products Containing Banned Ingredient/s as Reported in the ASEAN Post-Marketing Alert System (PMAS):

- 1. VSL BEAUTY CARE TONER A**
- 2. VSL BEAUTY CARE TONER B**
- 3. V3 PREMIER BEAUTY FACIAL NIGHT CREAM**
- 4. DNARS GOLD BALEN CREAM (NIGHT)**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and using the following adulterated cosmetic products, which tested positive for the presence of **HYDROQUINONE**, as reported in the ASEAN Post-Marketing Alert System (PMAS). These ingredients are not allowed to be part of a cosmetic product as per ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD). The table below indicates the particulars of the adulterated cosmetic products:

| Product Details | Product Image/s |
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| <p>1. VSL Beauty Care Toner A</p> <p><u>Manufactured by/Local Company</u> Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Qemrich Sdn. Bhd. Country of Manufacture: Malaysia</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: Not Indicated Manufacturing Date: Not Indicated Expiration Date: Not Indicated</p> |  |



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| <p>2. VSL Beauty Care Toner B</p> <p><u>Manufactured by/Local Company</u> Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Qemrich Sdn. Bhd. Country of Manufacture: Malaysia</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: Not Indicated Manufacturing Date: Not Indicated Expiration Date: Not Indicated</p> |  |
| <p>3. V3 Premier Beauty Facial Night Cream</p> <p><u>Manufactured by/Local Company</u> Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Pt. Adev Natural Country of Manufacture: Indonesia</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: Not Indicated Manufacturing Date: Not Indicated Expiration Date: Not Indicated</p> |  |
| <p>4. Dnars Gold Balen Cream (Night)</p> <p><u>Manufactured by/Local Company</u> Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Top On Cosmetics Industries Country of Manufacture: Malaysia</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: Not Indicated Manufacturing Date: Not Indicated Expiration Date: Not Indicated</p> |  |

The aforementioned products have been tested by the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency, Ministry of Health, Malaysia as part of their post-marketing surveillance activities and results of the laboratory analyses show that these products are not compliant with the technical standards set forth by the ACD.

Hydroquinone is not allowed to be part of cosmetic products as this is classified as drug product in the Philippines because of its multiple serious adverse effects, such as sensitivity to light, skin redness and permanent skin discoloration, when used indiscriminately.

In light of the foregoing, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned adulterated products. Moreover, the public is advised to always check if a cosmetic product is notified with the FDA. The FDA website (www.fda.gov.ph) has a *Search* feature which may be used by typing in the name of the product before purchasing.


All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute adulterated cosmetic products.

All FDA Regional Field Offices and Regulatory Enforcement Units, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and Local Government Units, are requested to ensure that violative products are not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

Kindly contact the FDA Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research through e-mail at ccrr@fda.gov.ph, or call **(02) 8857-1900 loc. 8113 or 8107**.

To report any sale or distribution of the afore-mentioned cosmetic product, the online reporting facility, **eReport** can be accessed at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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