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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unnotified Cosmetic Products (Batch 23)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the following unnotified cosmetic products:

1. **RX ARBUTIN TONER**
2. **RX KOJIC ACID SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH KOJIC AND PAPAIN EXTRACT**
3. **RX PEELING SOAP SKIN EXFOLIATING SOAP**
4. **RX PLACENTA SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH ANTI-AGEING**
5. **RX BLEACHING BLACK SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH BEARBERRY EXTRACT**
6. **RX GLUTATHIONE W/ ROSEHIP SOAP**
7. **RX SLIMMING SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH SEAWEED EXTRACT**

FDA post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned cosmetic products have not gone through the verification process of the agency and have not been issued the proper authorization in the form of acknowledged cosmetic notifications. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization from FDA is prohibited.

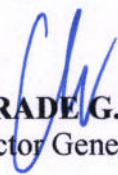
Accordingly, because unnotified cosmetic products have not gone through the verification process of the FDA, the agency cannot guarantee their quality and safety. The use of such violative products may pose potential health hazards to the consuming public. Potential hazards may come from ingredients that are not allowed to be part of a cosmetic product or from the contamination of heavy metals such as mercury especially in whitening cosmetic products. The use of substandard and possibly adulterated cosmetic products may result to adverse reactions including but not limited to skin irritation, itchiness, anaphylactic shock and organ failure.

In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative products. Moreover, the public is also advised to be vigilant against cosmetic products that might not be duly notified with FDA. Always check if a cosmetic product has been notified with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at www.fda.gov.ph.








For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph. To report continuous sale or distribution of unnotified cosmetic products, kindly e-mail us via report@fda.gov.ph, call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 857-1979 or (02) 857-1984, or utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport.


Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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ANNEX
Details on the Unnotified Cosmetic Products

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DETAILS	PRODUCT IMAGE/S
1 RX ARBUTIN TONER	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	
2 RX KOJIC ACID SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH KOJIC AND PAPAIN EXTRACT	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	
3 RX PEELING SOAP SKIN EXFOLIANTING SOAP	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	
4 RX PLACENTA SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH ANTI-AGEING	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	
5 RX BLEACHING BLACK SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH BEARBERRY EXTRACT	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	

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6 RX GLUTATHIONE W/ ROSEHIP SOAP	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	
7 RX SLIMMING SOAP SKIN WHITENING WITH SEAWEED EXTRACT	<p>Manufacturer's Name: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p>	