



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**



**FDA ADVISORY**  
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**TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC**

**SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Cosmetic Products Containing Banned Ingredient/s (Batch 3)**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the following adulterated cosmetic products which tested positive for the presence of **HYDROQUINONE** and **TRETINOIN**, ingredients that are not allowed to be part of a cosmetic (refer to the attached annex for the product particulars/details):

- 1. PROFESSIONAL SKIN CARE FORMULA BY DR. ALVIN PREMIUM WHITENING LOTION WITH SUNBLOCK**
- 2. PROFESSIONAL SKIN CARE FORMULA BY DR. ALVIN REJUVENATING TONER**

Products containing Hydroquinone and/or Tretinoin (Retinoic Acid) shall be classified as home remedy, over-the-counter, or prescription drug depending on the amount present as per Administrative Order No. 13 s. 1999.

Accordingly, because these products are not compliant with the existing standards, consumers should be vigilant against their purchase and use. The use of these products can pose potential health hazards to the consuming public and 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](http://www.fda.gov.ph).

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative cosmetic products, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.



For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at [info@fda.gov.ph](mailto:info@fda.gov.ph). To report continuous sale or distribution of the above violative cosmetic products, utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at [www.fda.gov.ph/ereport](http://www.fda.gov.ph/ereport), or e-mail us via [report@fda.gov.ph](mailto:report@fda.gov.ph), or call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 857-1900 local 8113 or 8107.

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	<b>PROFESSIONAL SKIN CARE FORMULA BY DR. ALVIN PREMIUM WHITENING LOTION WITH SUNBLOCK</b>	<p>Manufactured by: Not Indicated</p> <p>Manufacturer's Address: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: A.R.M. Skin Essentials Corp.</p> <p>Address: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 54 Tolentino St., San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, Philippines 1104</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: BLS16030217 Manufacture/Expiry Date: 02MAR2017</p>	
2	<b>PROFESSIONAL SKIN CARE FORMULA BY DR. ALVIN REJUVENATING TONER</b>	<p>Manufactured by: Not Indicated</p> <p>Manufacturer's Address: Not Indicated</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: A.R.M. Skin Essentials Corp.</p> <p>Address: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 54 Tolentino St., San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, Philippines 1104</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: RFS16031447 Manufacture/Expiry Date: 14MAR2017</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: RFS16052834 Manufacture/Expiry Date: 28MAY2017</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: RFS16051772 Manufacture/Expiry Date: 17MAY2017</p>	