

Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone

Cosmetics and Hydroquinone Alert!!!

The Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone as part of its legal mandate to ensure that only good quality and safe cosmetics and other regulated products are on the Sierra Leone market, hereby directs all concerned with the importation of cosmetic products into the country should ensure that all such cosmetic products should contain the regulated amount of not more than 2% hydroquinone content. All cosmetic products that contain any hydroquinone content must be clearly indicated on the label claim of the container containing the product.

All concerned are hereby reminded that excessive use of hydroquinone compounds has the potential to increase the risk of being affected by cancer.

The Board hereby informs the general public and importers of cosmetic products that stringent measures to regulate these products are currently being implemented in order to ensure that the right products are being distributed to the general public.

In this regard, importers of cosmetics products in Sierra Leone are kindly requested to take the necessary action to register all cosmetic products they are importing with the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone in the interest of public safety and health.

The cooperation of all stakeholders is highly solicited in the interest of public safety and health.

Signed: 

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