

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Hydroquinone is one of the ingredients listed under *Annex 2 of the Ministerial Order N°20/38 of 26/02/2016 as; list of cosmetic substances whose use is subject to prescribed concentration in Rwanda*. However, some manufacturers have resorted to the use of alternative names (synonyms) of hydroquinone as an ingredient in their commercial daily used body cosmetics since they know that this ingredient is restricted to *medicated cosmetics* in case of prescription by medical practitioners based on the personal/patient presentation of his/her skin/hair condition. As a consequence, un-suspecting consumers have suffered as a result of application of such ingredients while they are not aware of their harm.

It is in this regard that, in the interest of consumer awareness and protection, RSB informs the general public that Hydroquinone is one of the prohibited compounds in ordinary commercial body cosmetics but fraudulent manufacturers sometimes use its synonyms to confuse regulatory organs during inspection. The following is a list of names/synonyms of Hydroquinone which consumers should take care of during purchasing:

Hydroquinone Synonyms:

1. alpha-Hydroquinone
2. Arctuvine
3. [component of] artra
4. beta-Quinol
5. 1, 4-Dihydroxy-benzol
6. 1, 4-Dihydroxybenzene
7. 1,4-Benzenediol
8. 1,4-Dihydrobenzoquinone
9. 1,4-Dihydroxy-benzeen
10. 1,4-Dihydroxy-benzol
11. 1,4-Dihydroxybenzen
12. 1,4-Dihydroxybenzene
13. 1,4-Diidrobenzene
14. 1,4-Hydroxybenzene
15. 2-heptyl-1,4-dihydroxy-quinolinium
16. 4-Hydroxyphenol
17. Arctuvine
18. Artra
19. Benzene, p-dihydroxy-

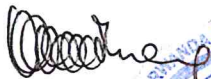


20. Benzene-1,4-diol
21. Benzohydroquinone
22. Benzoquinol
23. beta-Quinol
24. Black and white bleaching cream
25. C00530
26. C0091
27. D00073
28. Derma-Blanch
29. DIAK 5
30. Dihydroquinone
31. Dihydroxybenzene
32. Eldopaque
33. Eldopaque Forte
34. Eldoquin
35. Eldoquin (tn)
36. Eldoquin Forte
37. HE 5
38. Hidroquinone
39. HQ
40. Hydrochinon
41. Hydrochinon
42. HYDROP
43. HSDB 577
44. Hydroquinol
45. Hydroquinole
46. Hydroquinone
47. Hydroquinone (USP)
48. Hydroquinone polymer
49. Hydroquinone [UN2662] [Poison]
50. Hydroquinone, solution
51. Idrochinone
52. Lopac-H-9003
53. Melanex
54. MLS000069815
55. NCGC00015523-01
56. NCI-C55834
57. NSC 9247
58. p-Benzenediol
59. p-Dihydroxybenzene



60. p-Dioxobenzene
61. p-Dioxybenzene
62. p-Hydroquinone
63. p-Hydroxyphenol
64. para-Dihydroxybenzene
65. para-Dioxybenzene
66. para-Hydroquinone
67. para-Hydroxyphenol
68. Paradioxybenzene
69. Phiaquin
70. Pyrogentistic acid
71. Quinol
72. Quenelle
73. SMR000059154
74. Solaquin forte
75. Tecquinol
76. Tenox HQ
77. Tequinol
78. UANTOX HQ
79. UN 2662
80. USAF EK-356

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