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**Importers of cosmetic products (All),  
Distributors of cosmetic products (All),  
Wholesalers of cosmetic products (All),  
Retailers of cosmetic products (All),  
General public.**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Recall of batch for cosmetic products (Fair & White Miss White 500ml, Rapid Clear White Absolute 300ml, Gluta C-TM (Intense Whitening) 500ml and Max White S1 Lait Maxitone) 500ml.**

Reference is made to the law No:003/2018 of 09/02/2018 establishing the Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority (Rwanda FDA) especially in its article 8, Paragraph 1 and 13;

Reference is also made to the Ministerial Order N°20/38 of 26/02/2016 determining the list of cosmetics whose use is prohibited in Rwanda;

Further reference is made to the quality control laboratory results of incriminated cosmetic products mentioned above which confirmed that there is hydroquinone in the products which are prohibited;

Considering the negative health effects of hydroquinone on human health, accordingly, Rwanda FDA incriminated cosmetic products mentioned here below;

Description	Batch number	Manufacturing date	Expiry date	Name of the manufacturer
Fair & White Miss White 500ml	57591	Not mentioned	07/2026	Labo DERMA 17, rue du Colonisee 75008 PARIS 33-L Teste. France
Rapid Clear White Absolute 300ml	M215	05/2021	04/2024	Les laboratoires Biopharma
Gluta C-TM (Intense Whitening) 500ml	Not mentioned	07/2022	07/2025	Maxwell pharmacy sdn Bdn, Malaysia
Max White S1 Lait Maxitone) 500ml	57349	Not mentioned	03/2023	Labo DERMA 17, rue du Colonisee 75008 PARIS 33-L Teste

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## Actions to be taken

1. Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority instructs all, distributors, wholesalers and all retail shops of cosmetic products to stop distribution and sale of the above mentioned batches of cosmetic products and return them to their suppliers, or to collect them pending destruction according to the regulations;
2. Importers and suppliers of the above mentioned batches of incriminated cosmetic products are requested to receive all quantities returned by their clients and submit a detailed report (quantities imported, quantities distributed, quantities returned and stock on hand) to Rwanda FDA within ten working days.
3. Members of the public are hereby advised to stop buying and using the recalled batch of cosmetic products mentioned above.

### Notes:

- 1) For more information or to report the suppliers and/or sellers of the above-mentioned products please call **0789 19 35 29** or call Toll free number **9707**

Thank you for your cooperation

**Dr. Emile BIENVENU**  
**Director General**

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