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# LIST OF PROHIBITED COSMETICS ON RWANDA MARKET (October 2026)

**Reference is made to the Law** Nº 003/2018 of 09/02/2018 establishing Rwanda FDA and determining its mission, organization and functioning, specifically in its Chapter II, Article 8, Paragraph 5, stating that Rwanda FDA shall establish and publish the list of prohibited cosmetics;

**Reference is also made to the Ministerial Order** Nº 20/38 of 26/02/2016 determining the list of cosmetics whose use is prohibited in Rwanda, here below Rwanda FDA publishes the List of Prohibited Cosmetics on the Rwandan Market.

All Importers/Distributors should be aware of the *Ministerial Order Nº 20/38 of 26/02/2016* (Min_Order Cosmetics2016 (rwandafda.gov.rw)) and comply with it. Therefore, any cosmetic product not listed below but containing one or more of the prohibited ingredients or content (maximum tolerable concentration) is also prohibited on the Rwandan market.

| **Body Lotions** | | |
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| **S/N** | **Brand name** | **Prohibited/Restricted ingredient (s)** |
| 1 | FAIR &WHITE / SO WHITE! | Hydroxyphenol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 2 | MISS WHITE /FAIR & WHITE | Hydroxyphenol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 3 | MAXI WHITE | Hydroxyphenol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 4 | CARO LIGHT | Hydroxyphenol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 5 | TEINT JAUNE/ LAIT CLARIFIANT | 1,4- dihydroxybenze (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 6 | RAPID CLAIR | Dihydroxybenzene (Hydroquinone) |
| 7 | COCO PULP | Hydroquinone max 2% is claimed on label |
| 8 | ÉCLAIR 600 | Hydroquinone max 2% is claimed on label |
| 9 | EXTRA CLAIR-LIGHTENING BEATY CREAM | Hydroquinone max 2% is claimed on label |
| 10 | BIO PLUS LEMON | 1,4-benzenediol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |

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| 11 | SO CARROT | Hydroxyphenol (Hydroquinone) is claimed on label |
| 12 | MAGIC CLAIRE | Hydroquinone |
| 13 | PRINCESS CLAIRE LOTION | Hydroquinone |
| 14 | ELEGANCE SKIN WHITENING CREAM | Hydroquinone |
| 15 | LA LA LA, Huile eclaircissante, adoucissante et rajeunissante (Clair), 100ml | Hydroquinone |
| 16 | Escabelle nail Body Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 17 | EXTRA CLAIRE, 100ml | Hydroquinone |
| 18 | Clinic Secret Paris Clarifying Body Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 19 | BEAUTE- Huile hydratante (Glycerine) 60ml | Hydroquinone |
| 20 | RAPID 7 Jours Triples Action | Hydroquinone |
| 21 | Bodywhite Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 22 | CLEARTONE | Hydroquinone |
| 23 | DODO WHITE UP | Hydroquinone |
| 24 | BIO 26 | Hydroquinone |
| 25 | NEUTROTONE | Hydroquinone |
| 26 | CLINIC CLAIR | Hydroquinone |
| 27 | 72HEURES IMP | Hydroquinone |
| 28 | TOTEM CAROTTE | Hydroquinone |
| 29 | RAPID WHITE | Hydroquinone |
| 30 | RAPID CLAIR | Hydroquinone |
| 31 | BEAUTY CREAM | Hydroquinone |
| 32 | L'ABIDJANAISE | Hydroquinone |
| 33 | CHARMS LIGHTENING | Hydroquinone |
| 34 | PURE WHITE GOLD GLOWING | Hydroquinone |
| 35 | FATIMA | Hydroquinone |
| 36 | TOPSYGEL WHITENING LOTION | Hydroquinone |
| 37 | GOLD SKIN BODY CREAM SIVOP | Hydroquinone |
| 38 | VIVA WHITE | Hydroquinone |
| 39 | PURE SKIN | Hydroquinone |
| 40 | MARICHA | Hydroquinone |
| 41 | ZI KUSOOKA | Hydroquinone |
| 42 | PEAU CLAIR BODY OIL | Hydroquinone |
| 43 | SIVOCLAIR | Hydroquinone |
| 44 | MISS CALORINE | Hydroquinone |
| 45 | CAROTENE BRIGHTINING | Hydroquinone |
| 46 | A3 Cleartouch Complex Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 47 | INFINI CLEAR | Kojic Acid |
| 48 | CLINIC CLEAR | Kojic Acid, BHT |

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| 49 | PEAU JAUNE | Whitening Agent |

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| 50 | BIO | Whitening Agent |
| 51 | LAIT DE TOILETTE/42 HEURES JUSTE | Whitening Agent |
| 52 | TOTEM/ CRÈME DE BEAUTE | Whitening Agent |
| 53 | CARO LIGHT | Hydroquinone |
| 54 | MAXI CLAIRE | Hydroquinone |
| 55 | MISS CAROLINE | Hydroquinone |
| 56 | PEAU CLAIRE | Hydroquinone |
| 57 | SKIN LIGHT | Hydroquinone |
| 58 | CITROLIGHT | Hydroquinone |
| 59 | CLAIRMEN | Hydroquinone |
| 60 | ELEGANCE | Hydroquinone |
| 61 | MISS RICO | Hydroquinone |
| 62 | PERLE CLAIRE | Hydroquinone |
| 63 | RAPID CLAIRE LIGHT | Hydroquinone |
| 64 | BIO 26 | Kojic acid |
| 65 | EXTA CLAIRE | Kojic acid |
| 66 | G&G | Kojic acid |
| 67 | HYPPROGEL | Kojic acid |
| 68 | BIO CLAIRE | Kojic acid |
| 69 | PUREBEAUTY | Kojic acid |
| 70 | DERMACLAIR | Corticosteroids |
| 71 | DERMASOL | Corticosteroids |
| 72 | DERMOTYL | Corticosteroids |
| 73 | DIPROSON | Corticosteroids |
| 74 | VITE CLAIR | Corticosteroids |
| 75 | A3 Lemon Skin Lightening Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 76 | Kiss Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 77 | Super Max-Tone Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 78 | Tura Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 79 | Clear Essance Skin Beautifying Milk | Hydroquinone |
| 80 | QEI+ Lait Innovateur | Hydroquinone |
| 81 | QEI + ACTIVE Efficacite extreme | Hydroquinone |
| 82 | Precieux Treatment Beauty Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 83 | NANO Magic Potion Whitening Lotion | Kojic Acid |
| 84 | Fair White Body Clearing Milk | Hydroquinone |
| 85 | Fair & White Gel Plus | Hydroquinone |
| 86 | Fair & White Exclusive Whitenizer Body Lotion | Hydroquinone & Steroid |
| 87 | Fair & White Maxitone Lightining Lotion | Hydroquinone |

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| | Sun Block | |
| 88 | Ultra Clear | Hydroquinone |
| 89 | Topiclear | Hydroquinone |
| 90 | Bodyclear | Hydroquinone |
| 91 | Peau Claire Gel Plus | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 92 | Skin Balance Gel Wrinkle Remover | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 93 | Soft & Beauty Gel | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 94 | Ultimate Lady Gel | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 95 | LA TCHADIENNE Whitening Lotion | α-Arbutin (glycosylated hydroquinone |
| 96 | O'Carly | α-Arbutin (glycosylated hydroquinone |
| 97 | Peau Claire Lightening Body Oil | Hydroquinone |
| 98 | Maxi White Lightening Body Milk | Hydroquinone |
| **Creams/Serum** | | |
| **S/N** | **Brand name** | **Prohibited/Restricted ingredient (s)** |
| 1 | BEAUTI-CRÈME eclaircissante pour la peau, 330ml | Hydroquinone |
| 2 | MIKI CLAIRE, Crème hydratante et eclaircissante, 110ml | Hydroquinone |
| 3 | SANS TACHE | Hydroquinone |
| 4 | PERFECT WHITE ANTI TACHE /Serum | Hydroquinone |
| 5 | GOLD SKIN | Hydroquinone |
| 6 | SECRETE DAME | Hydroquinone |
| 7 | NATURE SECRETE | Hydroquinone |
| 8 | YAKO MILK | Hydroquinone |
| 9 | Pimplex Medicated Cream | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 10 | New Shirley Medicated Cream | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 11 | Mic Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 12 | Fade-Out Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 13 | Rico Complexion Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 14 | Viva Super Lemon Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 15 | Palmer`s Skin Success (pack) Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 16 | Fair & White Whitening Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 17 | Madonna Medicated Beauty Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 18 | Clear Touch Lotion | Hydroquinone |
| 20 | Skin Balance Lemon Cream | Hormones in steroids |
| 21 | Body Clear Cream | Hormones in steroids |
| 22 | Age renewal Cream | Hormones in steroids |
| 23 | Avoderm Cream | Steroids |
| 24 | White SPA UV Lightening Cream | Steroids |
| 25 | Fair & White exclusive whitenizer cream gel | Hydroquinone & Steroid |
| 26 | Clair & White Body Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 27 | Dream Successful Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 28 | Topi Clear Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 29 | Nish Medicated Cream | Hydroquinone |

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| 30 | Lolane Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 31 | Clere Extra Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 32 | Dear Heart with Hydroquinone Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 33 | Malaika Medicated Beauty Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 34 | Binti Jambo Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 35 | Madonna Medicated Beauty Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 36 | Bio Light Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 37 | Clere Lemon Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 38 | Miki Beauty Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 39 | Fair & White Active Lightening Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 40 | Peau Claire Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 41 | Fair & White Strong Bleaching Treatment Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 42 | Fair & White Body Clearing Milk-tight Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 43 | Shirley Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 44 | Shirley Beauty Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 45 | Clere Extra Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 46 | Mr. Clere Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 47 | Fair & Lovely Super Cream | Hormone in Steroids |
| 48 | Fairly White Cream | Hormone in Steroids |
| 49 | Dark & Lovely Cream | Hormone in Steroids |
| 50 | AHA Whitening Cream | Malic and Tartric Acid |
| 51 | AHA Body Serum | Malic and Tartric Acid |
| 52 | COSMO Face Serum | α-Arbutin (glycosylated hydroquinone |
| 53 | Jaribu Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 54 | Madonna Medicated Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 55 | Mc Skin Lightener Cream | Hydroquinone |
| 56 | Skin Success Cream | Hormones in Steroids |
| 57 | Amira Cream | Hormones in Steroids |
| 58 | New Shirley Medicated Cream | Mercury and its Compounds |
| 59 | Fair & White Clarifiance Fade Cream | Hydroquinone and Steroid |
| **Cosmetic Soaps** | | |
| **S/N** | **Brand name** | **Prohibited/Restricted ingredient (s)** |
| 1 | Movate Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 2 | Miki Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 3 | Jaribu Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 4 | Binti Jambo Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 5 | Amira Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 6 | Mekako Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 7 | Rico Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 8 | Tura Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 9 | Acura Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 10 | Fair Lady Soap | Mercury and its compounds |
| 11 | Elegance Soap | Mercury and its compounds |

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| 12 | Blackstar Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 13 | Lady Claire Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 14 | Ultra Clear Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 15 | Levista Organic face soap | Hydroquinone |
| 16 | Topi Clear Beauty Complexion Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 17 | Immediate Clair Lightening Beauty Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 18 | M.G.C Extra Clear Soap | Hydroquinone |
| 19 | Cherie Claire Body Beauty Lightening & Treating Soap | Hydroquinone |
| **Powder** | | |
| **S/N** | **Brand name** | **Prohibited/Restricted ingredient (s)** |
| 1 | Johnson's Baby Powder | Suspected to contain chemical ingredients that may harm the life of users |
| 2 | Fair & White Powder | Hydroquinone |

**Notes:**

1- The above list shall continuously and periodically be reviewed and updated whenever the need arises.

2- All Cosmetics Importers/Distributors in Rwanda are recommended to consistently and continuously refer to the list as the cosmetic products listed on the above list will not be allowed to be imported in Rwanda



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