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**IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13, S. 1999,
"USE OF HYDROQUINONE AND/OR TRETINOIN (RETINOIC ACID)"**

Administrative Order No. 13, s. 1999^[*], dated April 6, 1999 and with subject "Use of Hydroquinone and/or Tretinoin (Retinoic Acid)", provides the classification of preparations containing hydroquinone and/or tretinoin and the type of establishment where they may be sold. A summary of the provisions in the said A.O. is presented in the table below:

Concentration of Active	Dispensing Classification	Type of Outlet/ Ingredient Restriction
Less than or equal to 2.0% Hydroquinone	Household Remedy	Any establishment; to be placed in a segregated area
More than 2.0% but less than 3.0% Hydroquinone	Over-the-Counter(OTC) Drug	Drug outlets; without need for Doctor's prescription
More than 3.0% Hydroquinone	Prescription (Rx) Drug	Drug outlets; Requires Doctor's prescription
Less than or equal to 0.025% Tretinoin (Retinoic Acid)	Household Remedy	Any establishment; to be placed in a segregated area
More than 0.025% but less than or equal to 0.05% Tretinoin	Over-the-Counter(OTC) Drug	Drug outlets; without need for Doctor's prescription
More than 0.05% Tretinoin	Prescription (Rx) Drug	Drug outlets; Requires Doctor's prescription
Combination of Hydroquinone (less than or equal to 2%) and Tretinoin	Household Remedy	Any establishment;