

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION





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TO

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

**SUBJECT:** 

Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the Following Unregistered Food Supplements:

- 1. PURITAN'S PRIDE PREMIUM B-Complex with Vitamin C
- 2. PURITAN'S PRIDE Iron (325mg Ferrous Sulfate)
- 3. PURITAN'S PRIDE PREMIUM Vitamins A & D3 from Fish Liver Oils
- 4. SAM-SAMMI Pure Ginger Powder
- 5. SAM-SAMMI Pure Ginger with Lemon Grass Powder

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and consumption of the following unregistered food supplements:







Figure 1. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE PREMIUM B-Complex with Vitamin C









Figure 2. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE Iron (325mg Ferrous Sulfate)



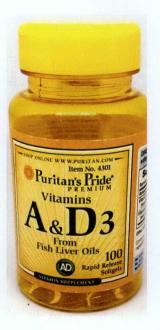




Figure 3. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE PREMIUM Vitamins A & D3 from Fish Liver Oils



Figure 4. Unregistered SAM-SAMMI Pure Ginger Powder



Figure 5. Unregistered SAM-SAMMI Pure Ginger with Lemon Grass Powder

FDA post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned food supplements have not gone through the registration process of the agency and have not been issued the proper authorization in the form of Certificate of Product Registration. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, nonconsumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization from FDA are prohibited.

Accordingly, since these unregistered food supplements have not gone through evaluation and testing process of the FDA, the agency cannot guarantee their quality and safety. The consumption of these products may pose potential health hazards to the consuming public.

In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative products. Moreover, the public is advised to be vigilant against food products and food supplements that might not be duly registered with FDA. Always check if a food product has been registered with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph.">www.fda.gov.ph.</a>

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative food supplements until they have already been covered by the appropriate authorization (product registration), otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at <u>info@fda.gov.ph</u>. To report continuous sale or distribution of the above unregistered food supplements, utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at <u>www.fda.gov.ph/ereport</u>, or e-mail us via <u>report@fda.gov.ph</u>, or call us at the Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) hotline (02) 857-1900 locals 8112 or 8105.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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