



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

1. **VITACIO MACA ROOT EXTRACT COMPLEX, 500MG**
2. **DOCTOR'S BEST, BEST PROBIOTIC 20 BILLION CFU**
3. **PROBIOTIC PEARLS WOMEN'S DIGESTIVE & YEAST BALANCE**
4. **PURITAN'S PRIDE CHEWABLE CHLOROPHYLL WITH NATURAL SPEARMINT FLAVOR**
5. **SCIVATION XTEND BCAAs, MANGO FLAVOR**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and consuming the following unregistered food supplements:



Figure 1. Unregistered VITACIO Maca Root Extract Complex, 500mg





Figure 2. Unregistered DOCTOR'S BEST Best Probiotic 20 Billion CFU

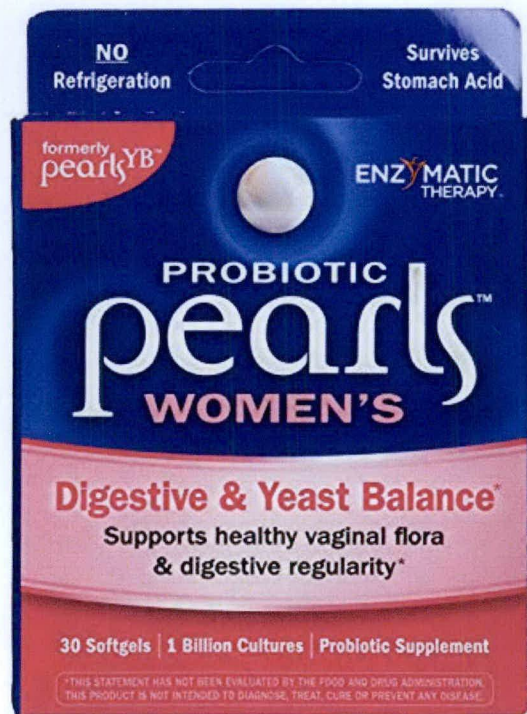


Figure 3. Unregistered PROBIOTIC Pearls Women's Digestive & Yeast Balance

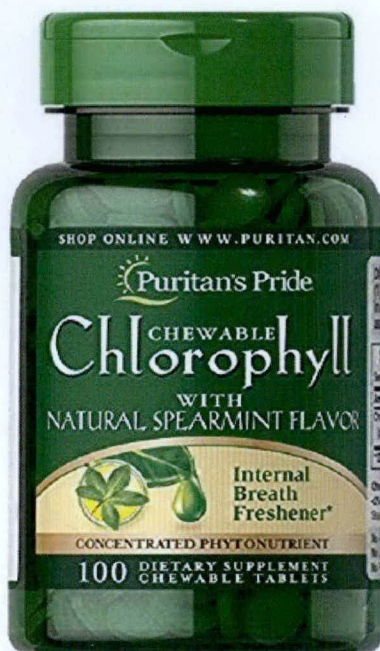


Figure 4. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE Chewable Chlorophyll with Natural Spearmint Flavor

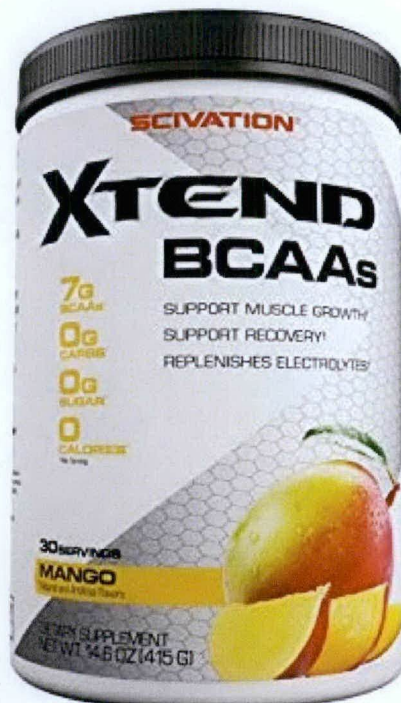


Figure 5. Unregistered SCIVATION XTEND BCAAs, Mango Flavor

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplements are not registered and the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) have not yet been issued. Pursuant to the 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, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization is prohibited.

Since these unregistered food supplements have not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot guarantee their quality and safety. The consumption of such violative products may pose health risk to consumers.

In light of the foregoing, the public is advised not to purchase violative products in the market. Moreover, the public is advised to always check if a food product is registered with the FDA. The FDA website (www.fda.gov.ph) has a *Search* feature which may be used by typing in the name of the product before purchasing.

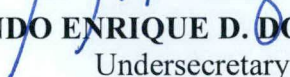
All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute violative food supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food supplement.

All FDA Field Officers and Regulatory Enforcement Unit (REU) in coordination with the law enforcement agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) are requested to ensure that violative products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

Kindly contact the FDA Center for Food Regulation and Research through email at cfrr@fda.gov.ph or call (02)857-1900 loc. 8115 and 8112.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food supplement, the online reporting facility, **eReport** can be accessed at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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