

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

<u>Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the</u> following Unregistered Food Supplements:

- 1. SLIM & TRIM Slimming Capsules
- 2. BALANCE COMPLEX For Women Dietary Supplement
- 3. ENZYMEDICA pH-Basic Vegetarian Dietary Supplement
- 4. HERBS EARTH Noni+ Noni Fruit Extract Dietary Supplement
- 5. FH PRO For Women Dietary Supplement

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

Slim & Trim Slimming Capsules:

Slim & Trim is a food supplement specially made to help anyone lose weight. It contains Glucomanan – Hoodia Gordonii, two of the newest and most proven potent weight loss ingredients in the world!



Hoodia Gordonii a kind of cactus found in South Africa and Namibia that conditions the brain into thinking that the body isn't hungry.



Glucomannan (koniak) a dietary fiber that gives the feeling of fullness to the user. (Turns water inside stomach into Gel Form). It is also quickly absorbed by the body because it has no excipients and is also encapsulated in V-Caps. Slim and Trim is proven to have no negative side effects.





Health Benefits Of Slim & Trim:

- ✓ Suppresses appetite
- ✓ Relieves symptoms of constipation
- ✓ Aids in increasing metabolism
- ✓ Helps maintain healthy blood sugar level
- √ Improves will power, discipline & choice of food

Figure 1. Unregistered SLIM & TRIM Slimming Capsules

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Figure 2. Unregistered BALANCE COMPLEX For Women Dietary Supplement





Figure 3. Unregistered ENZYMEDICA pH-Basic Vegetarian Dietary Supplement



Figure 4. Unregistered HERBS EARTH Noni+ Noni Fruit Extract Dietary Supplement

A Trusted Brand Since 2003



Figure 5. Unregistered FH PRO For Women Dietary Supplement

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplements are not authorized and the Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) have not 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 assure their quality and safety. The use of such violative products may pose health risks to consumers.

In light of the foregoing, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative products. Moreover, the public is advised to always check if a food supplement 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 supplement 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 Regional Field Offices and Regulatory Enforcement Units, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and Local Government Units, are requested to ensure that violative products are not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

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

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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