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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA Food and Drug Administration PHILIPPINES

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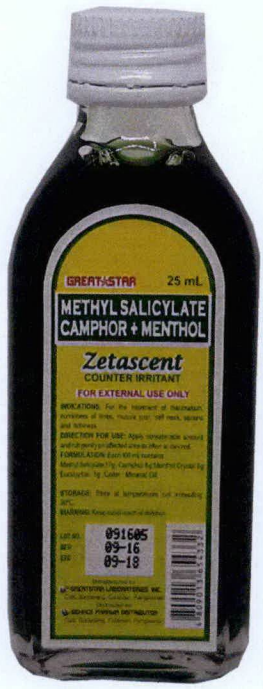
TO : **ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

SUBJECT : **Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the Unregistered Drug Product Methyl Salicylate + Camphor + Menthol (Zetascent) 25mL**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the unregistered drug product:



Methyl Salicylate + Camphor + Menthol (Zetascent) 25mL
Manufactured by: GREATSTAR LABORATORIES, INC. – Calit, Banaoang, Calasiao, Pangasinan

Figure 1. Unregistered drug product

FDA Post-Marketing Surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned drug product has not gone through the registration and testing process of the Agency and has not been issued with proper authorization in the form of Certificate of Product Registration. Thus, the Agency cannot guarantee their quality and safety. The consumption of such violative product may pose potential danger or injury if administered.

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, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without proper authorization from FDA is prohibited.

In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative product and to be vigilant against it. Always check if a drug product has been registered with the FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at **www.fda.gov.ph**. You may also look for the FDA Registration number on the product label.

All concerned establishments and/or entities are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative drug product until they have already been covered by the appropriate authorization, 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 **info@fda.gov.ph**. To report continuous sale or distribution of unregistered health products, kindly e-mail us via **report@fda.gov.ph**, or through the online reporting facility, **eReport**, at **www.fda.gov.ph/ereport**. You may also call the Center for Drug Regulation and Research at telephone number **(02)809-5596**. For any suspected adverse drug reaction (ADR), report immediately to FDA through this link: **www.fda.gov.ph/adr-report-new** and fill out all the required fields.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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