



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

1. **THOMPSON RUTIN DIETARY SUPPLEMENT**
2. **LIFEXTENSION OPTIMIZED ASHWAGANDHA EXTRACT DIETARY SUPPLEMENT VEGETARAN CAPSULES**
3. **HERBAVITES ASHWAGHANDHA DIETARY SUPPLEMENT CAPSULES**
4. **BLACK FUNGUS (BOKNE)**
5. **QUEZON'S BEST COCO JAM WITH MUSCOVADO**

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

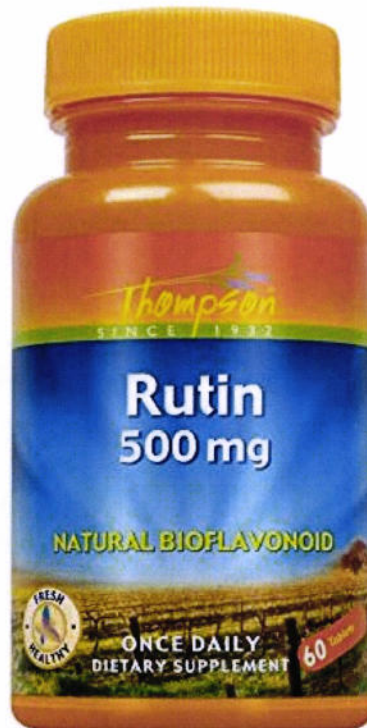


Figure 1. Unregistered THOMPSON Rutin Dietary Supplement

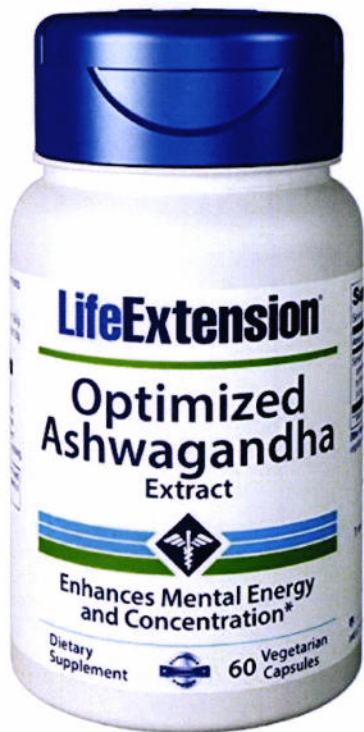


Figure 2. Unregistered LIFEEXTENSION Optimized Ashwagandha Extract Dietary Supplement Vegetaran capsules

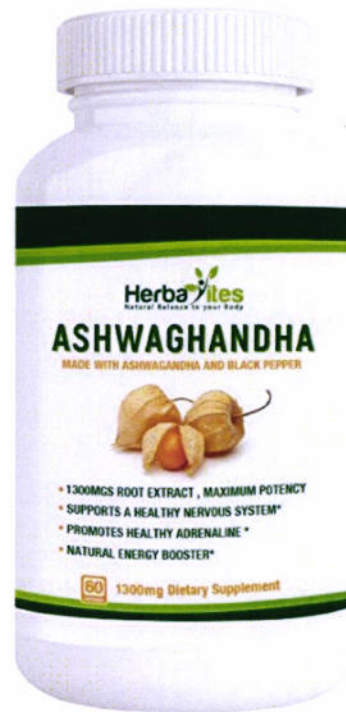


Figure 3. Unregistered HERBAVITES Ashwagandha Dietary Supplement Capsules



Figure 4. Unregistered BLACK FUNGUS (Bokne)



Figure 5. Unregistered QUEZON'S BEST Coco Jam with Muscovado

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplements and food products 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 and food products 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.

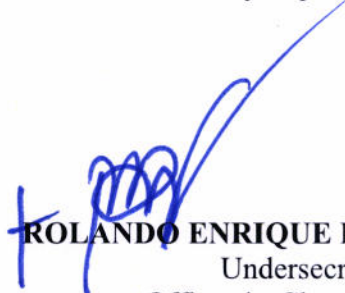
All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute violative food products until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product.

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 product, 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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