

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 Product and Supplements:

- 1. BLACKANTS ANTIQUE HERBAL TEA TURMERIC
- 2. LIFE EXTENSION MAGNESIUM CAPS, 500mg
- 3. THERATEARS EYE NUTRITION 1200mg OMEGA-3
 SUPPLEMENT
- 4. NOW CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM SOFTGELS WITH VITAMIN D3 AND ZINC
- 5. <u>VITATREE NUTRITIONALS MAGNESIUM DIETARY</u> <u>SUPPLEMENT</u>

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



Figure 1. Unregistered BLACKANTS ANTIQUE Herbal Tea, Turmeric





Figure 2. Unregistered LIFE EXTENSION Magnesium Caps, 500mg



Figure 3. Unregistered THERATEARS EYE Nutrition, 1200mg Omega-3 Supplement



Figure 4. Unregistered NOW Calcium and Magnesium Softgels with Vitamin D3 and Zinc



Figure 5. Unregistered VITATREE NUTRITIONALS Magnesium Dietary Supplement

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food product and supplements are not authorized and the Certificates of Product Registration 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 product and 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 product/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 product and supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product and 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 <u>cfrr@fda.gov.ph</u>, or call (02) 857-1900 loc. 8112 or 8105.

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

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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