



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against Unregistered Food Products with Unapproved Advertisements and Promotion on Their Products:

- 1. HEALTH AND NATURALS COLLECTION SODIUM ASCORBATE W/ GRAPE SEED EXTRACT VEGGIE CAPSULES FOOD SUPPLEMENT**
- 2. OHIP NATURAL HERBS CAPSULE**

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



Figure 1. Sample Brochure of Unregistered HEALTH and NATURALS COLLECTION Sodium Ascorbate w/ Grape Seed Extract Veggie Capsules Food Supplement



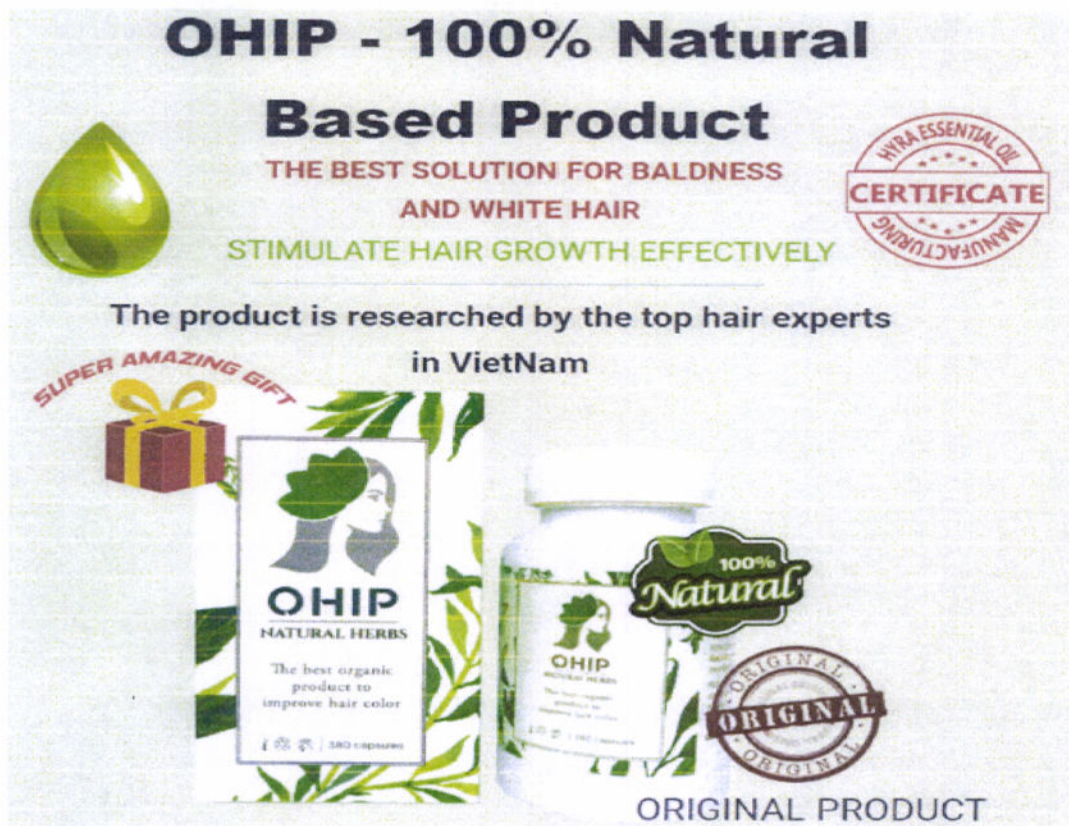


Figure 2. Sample Brochure of Unregistered OHIP Natural Herbs Capsule

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplements are not registered and the Certificates 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.

Likewise, **all claims in the advertisements are false, deceptive, and misleading.** As per Administrative Order 2010-0008, no person shall advertise, promote, or use in any sponsorship any food/dietary supplements unless such product is duly registered and approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

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 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.

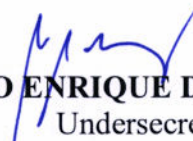
All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute violative food supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product.

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 supplements, 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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