

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 Use of the following Unregistered Household Urban Pesticides:

- 1. MAPECON TOTAL INSECT KILLER WITH BIG-R SPRAY
- 2. MIE HAI LING AEROSOL INSECTICIDE

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and using the following unregistered household urban pesticides:







Figure 1. Unregistered Mapecon Total Insect Killer with Big-R Spray







Figure 3. Unregistered Mie Hai Ling Aerosol Insecticide

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned household urban pesticides 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 household urban pesticide products 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.

Potential hazards may come from harmful, toxic and banned active ingredients that pose imminent danger to human and animal health. The use of substandard and possibly adulterated household/urban pesticide products may result to adverse reactions such as skin irritation, itchiness, anaphylactic shock, respiratory disorders, endocrine complications, brain damage and organ failure.

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 household urban pesticide 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 household urban pesticides until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the household urban pesticide.

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 Cosmetics Regulation and Research through e-mail at ccrr@fda.gov.ph, or call (02) 857-1900 loc. 8113 or 8107.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered household urban pesticide, 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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