

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-078

TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. ES Vacuum Freeze-Dried Durian, 20g
- 2. <u>ISLAND BISCUIT TEDI Bear-shaped Chocolate Cookies</u>, 30 g
- 3. HEALING GALING Cleansing Tea, 12 g
- 4. HEALING GALING Seaweed Salt, 25 g
- 5. MAXTHONE+ Mangosteen Xanthone 750 mg Dietary Supplement Capsule

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and consuming the following unregistered food products and food supplement:





Figure 1. Unregistered ES Vacuum Freeze-Dried Durian, 20g







Figure 2. Unregistered ISLAND BISCUIT TEDI Bear-shaped Chocolate Cookies, $30~\mathrm{g}$



Figure 3. Unregistered HEALING GALING Cleansing Tea, 12 g



Figure 4. Unregistered HEALING GALING Seaweed Salt, 25 g





Figure 5. Unregistered MAXTHONE+ Mangosteen Xanthone 750 mg Dietary Supplement Capsule

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food products and food supplement 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 products and food supplement 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 or 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 products until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product and food 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 cfrr@fda.gov.ph, or call (02) 8857-1900 loc. 8112 & 8104.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food products and 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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