

## 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 Products and Food Supplement:

- 1. OH YUMMY! Sunflower Chocolate Seed Healthy Snack Food, 40 g
- 2. ARMOUR Vienna Sausage Original, 130 g
- 3. QUATRO MARIAS 15 in 1 Turmeric Tea with Honey
- 4. KHO FOUR SISTERS Pure Mangosteen Tea
- 5. WILLNESS STEVIA Natural Sweetener in a Capsule

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Figure 4. Unregistered KHO FOUR SISTERS Pure Mangosteen Tea

## Nero Glycemic Index Zero Calories NATURE'S SUPER SWEETENER IN A CAPSULE...



WILLNESS STEVIA is Stevia Rebaudiana Bertonii. It is a plant native to South America (Paraguay) that is now grown across the globe in tropical and sub-tropical climates.

Using WILLNESS STEVIA as your favorite natural sweetener is such a very good idea. Besides, the reason why you should choose stevia instead of having artificial sweeteners is because stevia derives from a plant. And most of the plant foods are rich in nutrients.

For the tips, you can add stevia to your coffee, tea, yogurt, juice or any beverage. Thus, not only it gives you best health benefits of stevia leaf as the natural sweetener but also it provides natural sweetnes which can boost the taste of the meal.

## Health Benefits of STEVIA

Lowers Blood Pressure
Prevents Heart Disease
Prevents Risks of Diabetes
Acts as Anti-Inflammatory
Acts as Anti-Cancer
Helps to lose weight
No Allergic Reactions
Rich Source of Antioxidant
Glute-Free
Promotes Oral health
Promotes Hair Health

- Prevents Gingivitis
- Promotes Bone Health
- Prevents Osteoporosis
- Source of Fiber/Prebiotic
- Source of Protein
- Source of Iron
- Source of Potassium
- Source of Magnesium
- Source of Sodium
- Promotes Skin Health
- Your Ultimate Natural Sweetener

**Suggested Use:** Drop 1 capsule (suit to personal taste) to a cup of tea coffee, yogurt, juice ro any beverage. Stir for 10-20 seconds.

Figure 5. Unregistered WILLNESS STEVIA Natural Sweetener in a 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 and 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 or 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 <a href="mailto:cfrr@fda.gov.ph">cfrr@fda.gov.ph</a>, 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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