

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 Supplements:

- 1. NATURE'S BOUNTY FISH OIL PROMOTES HEART & VASCULAR HEALTH HEART HEALTH DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- 2. <u>PURITAN'S PRIDE BETA-CAROTENE PROVITAMIN</u> A 10000 IU VITAMIN SUPPLEMENT
- 3. PURITAN'S PRIDE ABC PLUS SENIOR MULTI DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- 4. PURITAN'S PRIDE MULTIVATAMIN GUMMIES
 WITH ESSENTIAL VITAMINS ORANGE, CHERRY &
 GRAPE (ADULT) DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- 5. DOCTOR'S BEST CHEWABLE FULLY ACTIVE B12
 CHOCOLATE MINT FLAVOR DIETARY
 SUPPLEMENT

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



Figure 1. Unregistered NATURE'S BOUNTY Fish Oil Promotes Heart & Vascular Health Heart Health Dietary Supplement





Figure 2. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE Beta-Carotene Provitamin A 10000 IU Vitamin Supplement



Figure 4. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE Multivatamin Gummies with Essential Vitamins Orange, Cherry & Grape (Adult) Dietary Supplement



Figure 3. Unregistered PURITAN'S PRIDE ABC Plus Senior Multi Dietary Supplement



Figure 5. Unregistered DOCTOR'S BEST Chewable Fully Active B12 Chocolate Mint Flavor Dietary Supplement

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

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 food products or food supplements in the market. 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 or 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 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. 8112 and 8105.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food product or food supplement, 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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