

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-138

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TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. PIPING ROCK Advanced Ubiquinol Active Form of CoQ10 Highly Bioavailable 100mg Dietary Supplement Softgels
- 2. PIPING ROCK DHEA Dehydroepiandrosterone 100mg **Dietary Supplement Capsules**
- 3. TLC Iaso Tea
- 4. PREMIUM Honey Gold

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



Figure 1. Unregistered PIPING ROCK Advanced Ubiquinol Active Form of CoQ10 Highly Bioavailable 100mg Dietary Supplement Softgels

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Figure 2. Unregistered PIPING ROCK DHEA Dehydroepiandrosterone 100mg Dietary Supplement Capsules



Figure 3. Unregistered TLC Iaso Tea





Figure 4. Unregistered PREMIUM Honey Gold

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplements and food products 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 food supplements and food products have not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure their quality and safety. The consumption 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 (<a href="www.fda.gov.ph">www.fda.gov.ph</a>) 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 and food products until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate for the establishment, and a CPR for the food supplements.

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 or 8105.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food supplements and food products, the online reporting facility, **eReport** can be accessed at <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph/ereport">www.fda.gov.ph/ereport</a>.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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