

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



FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-310 10 MAR ZUZU

TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

**SUBJECT:** 

<u>Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption</u> of the following Unregistered Food Supplements:

- 1. <u>HERBS OF THE EARTH COQ10 120+ PREMIUM</u> <u>UBIQUINONE, POTENT DIETARY SUPPLEMENT</u>
- 2. <u>HERBS OF THE EARTH FLAXSEED OIL 1000MG</u>, <u>DIETARY SUPPLEMENT</u>
- 3. HERBS OF THE EARTH MINERALS+ COMPLETE FORMULA, DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- 4. HERBS OF THE EARTH PROBIOTIC+ 30 BILLION PROBIOTICS, DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- 5. <u>HERBS OF THE EARTH PARACLEAN+ COMPLETE</u> <u>FORMULA, 1575MG</u>

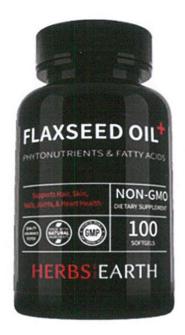
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and consuming the following unregistered food supplements:



Figure 1. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTH CoQ10 120+ Premium Ubiquinone, Potent Dietary Supplement

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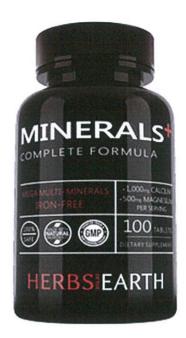


Figure 2. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTHFlaxseed Oil 1000mg, Dietary Supplement

Figure 3. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTH Minerals+ Complete Formula, Dietary Supplement

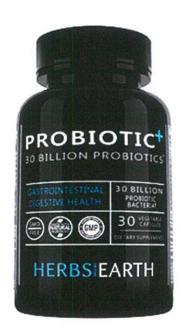


Figure 4. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTH Probiotic+ 30 Billion Probiotics, Dietary Supplement



Figure 5. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTH Paraclean+ Complete Formula, 1575mg

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the above mentioned food supplements 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 supplements 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 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 supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product.

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 8857-1900 loc. 8112 or 8105

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food product/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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