



FDA ADVISORY

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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ALL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES, AND OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: HAND SANITIZER, ANTIBACTERIALS AND ANTISEPTIC SOLD THROUGH ONLINE STORES

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – Philippines hereby advises the general public and all healthcare facilities to be vigilant when purchasing hand sanitizer, antibacterials and antiseptics sold through online stores, i.e. Marketplace of Facebook, Lazada and Shopee, among others.

The convenience brought about by online selling of these health products at this time of public health emergency is indeed commendable, however, we would like to warn the public to be mindful of their transactions as there are unscrupulous individuals who are taking advantage of this situation for personal gain. Among those reported to be sold online are products that are unregistered/unnotified hand sanitizers, antiseptics, antibacterials, and other toxic chemicals with unverified claims regarding the elimination of COVID-19. Promotional marketing schemes including the display of FDA logo on their products and the use of statements such as, but not limited to, "The product is registered/notified with FDA", "Buy 1 Take 1"; and/or "With Limited Stocks", are abused to attract customers during this time of public health emergency.

DO NOT BE MISLED. BE VIGILANT. ALWAYS CHECK THE PRODUCT LABEL.

The label of health products under the category of hand sanitizers shall bear the product's name and function, usage instructions and the following information, among others:

- ✓ Full Ingredient Listing
- ✓ Country of Manufacture
- ✓ The Name and Address of the Company or Person Responsible for Placing the Product on the Local Market
- ✓ The Manufacturer's Batch Number
- ✓ The Manufacturing or the Expiry Date of the Product in Clear Terms (e.g. month/year).
- ✓ Special Precautions to be Observed when in Use

