



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

1. **SWANSON L-Arginine Energy and Cardiovascular Support Dietary Supplement**
2. **SWANSON GREENFOODS Barley Grass Herbal Supplement**
3. **SWANSON Dhea Dietary Supplement**
4. **SWANSON FULL SPECTRUM Goji Berry (Wolfberry) Herbal Supplement**
5. **SWANSON Celery Seed Extract Joint Health and Mobility Maximum Strength Herbal Supplement**

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



Figure 1. Unregistered SWANSON L-Arginine Energy and Cardiovascular Support Dietary Supplement



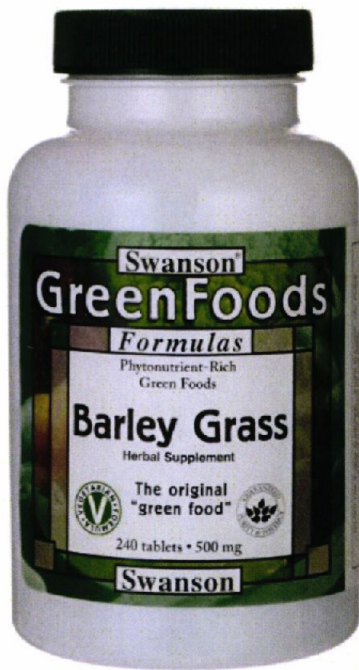


Figure 2. Unregistered SWANSON GREENFOODS Barley Grass Herbal Supplement

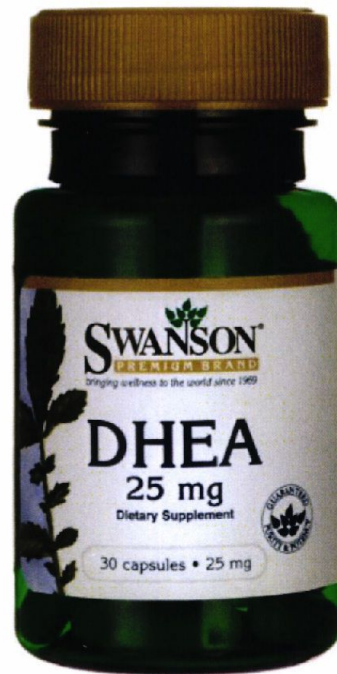


Figure 3. Unregistered SWANSON Dhea Dietary Supplement

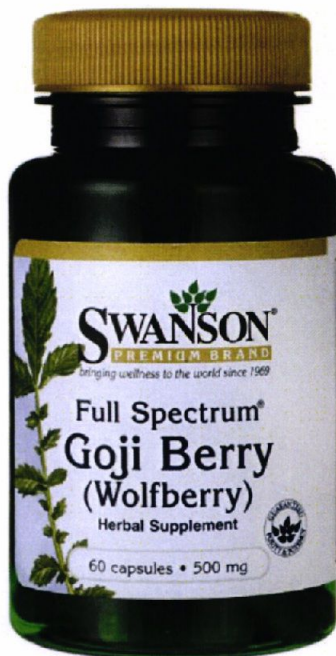


Figure 4. Unregistered SWANSON FULL SPECTRUM Goji Berry (Wolfberry) Herbal Supplement

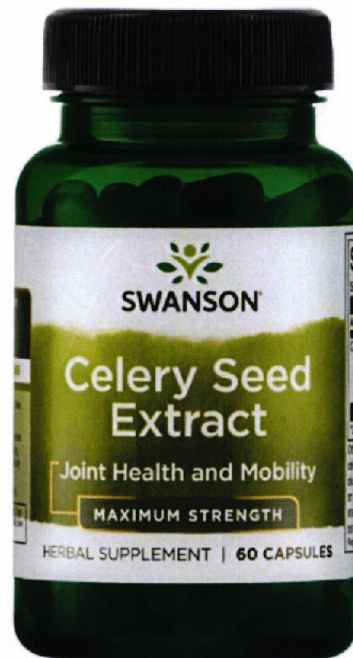


Figure 5. Unregistered SWANSON Celery Seed Extract Joint Health and Mobility Maximum Strength Herbal Supplement

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned 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 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 (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 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 cfrr@fda.gov.ph, or call (02) 8857-1900 loc. 8112 or 8105.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food products, kindly contact us through email at ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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