



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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

1. **BANANA CHIEF'S THEO & PHILO Chocolate Covered Giant Banana Chips**
2. **BB Sweet Makhana**
3. **CONNIE'S Hazelnut & Raisins Chocolate**
4. **SMR Nutty Caramel Bars**
5. **HERBS OF THE EARTH SAW PALMETTO+ Premium Berries Dietary Supplement Capsules**

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

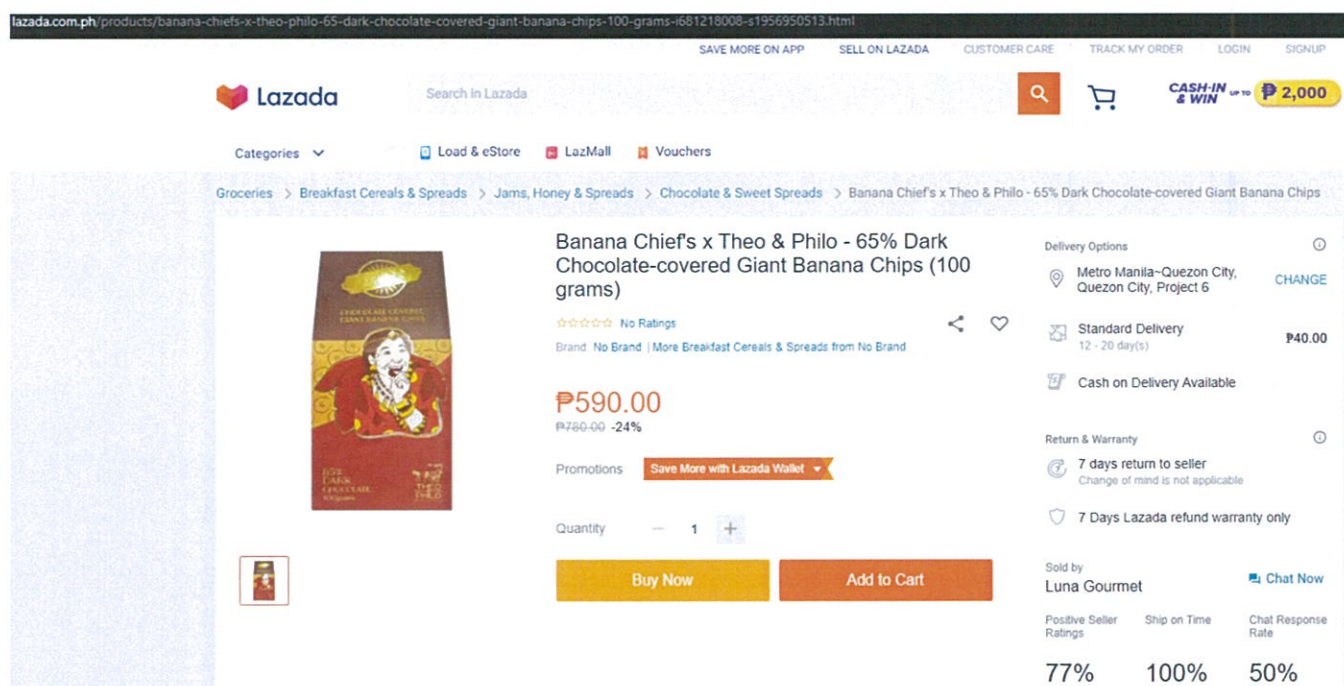


Figure 1. Unregistered BANANA CHIEF'S THEO & PHILO Chocolate Covered Giant Banana Chips



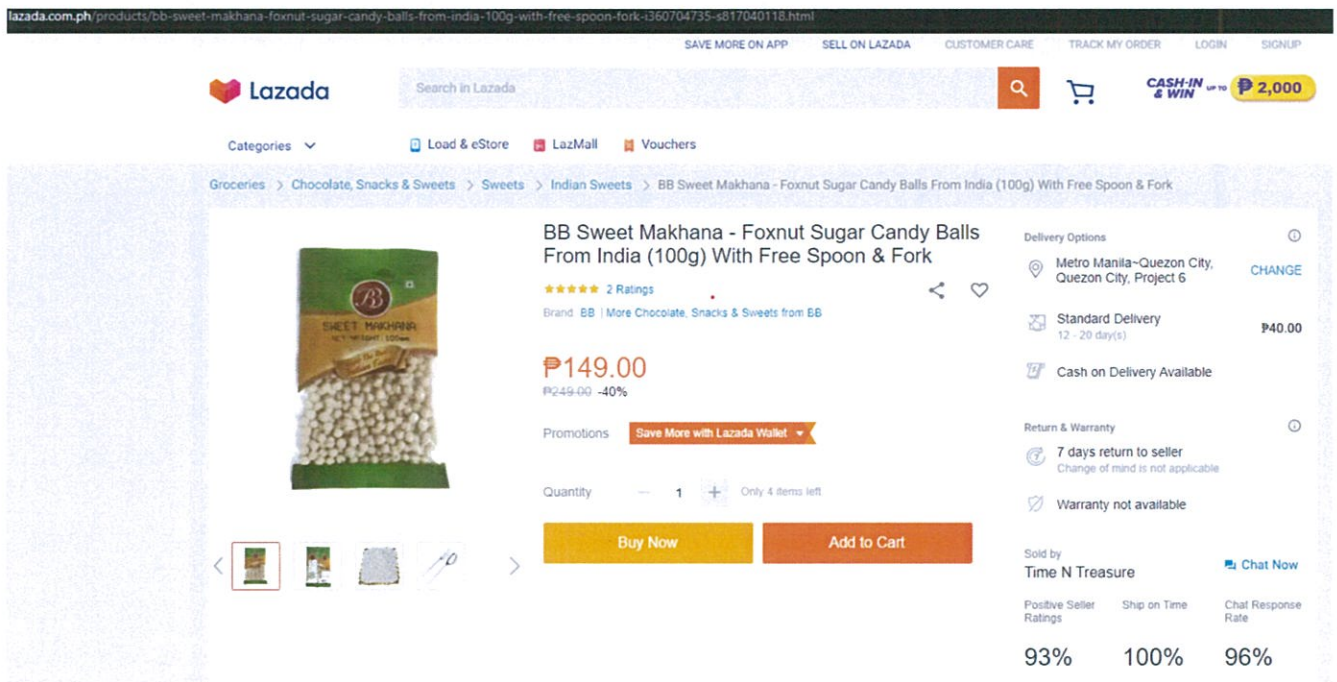


Figure 2. Unregistered BB Sweet Makhana

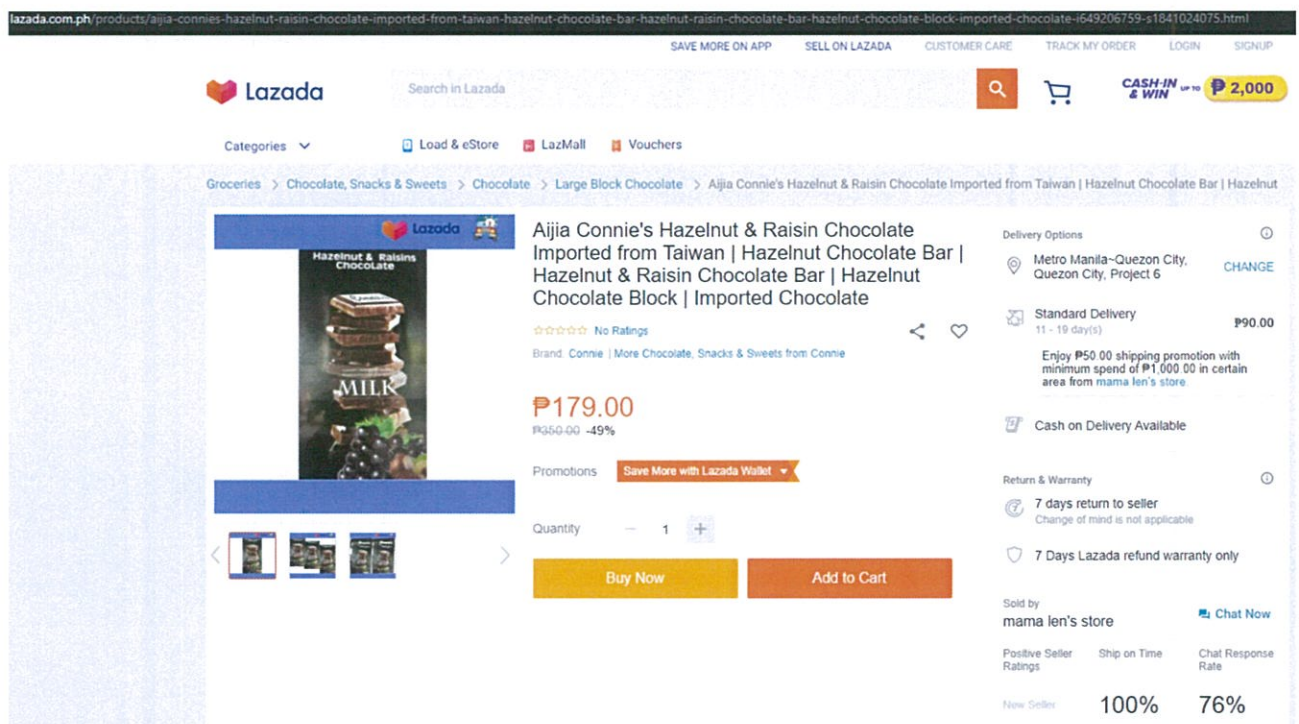


Figure 3. Unregistered CONNIE'S Hazelnut & Raisins Chocolate

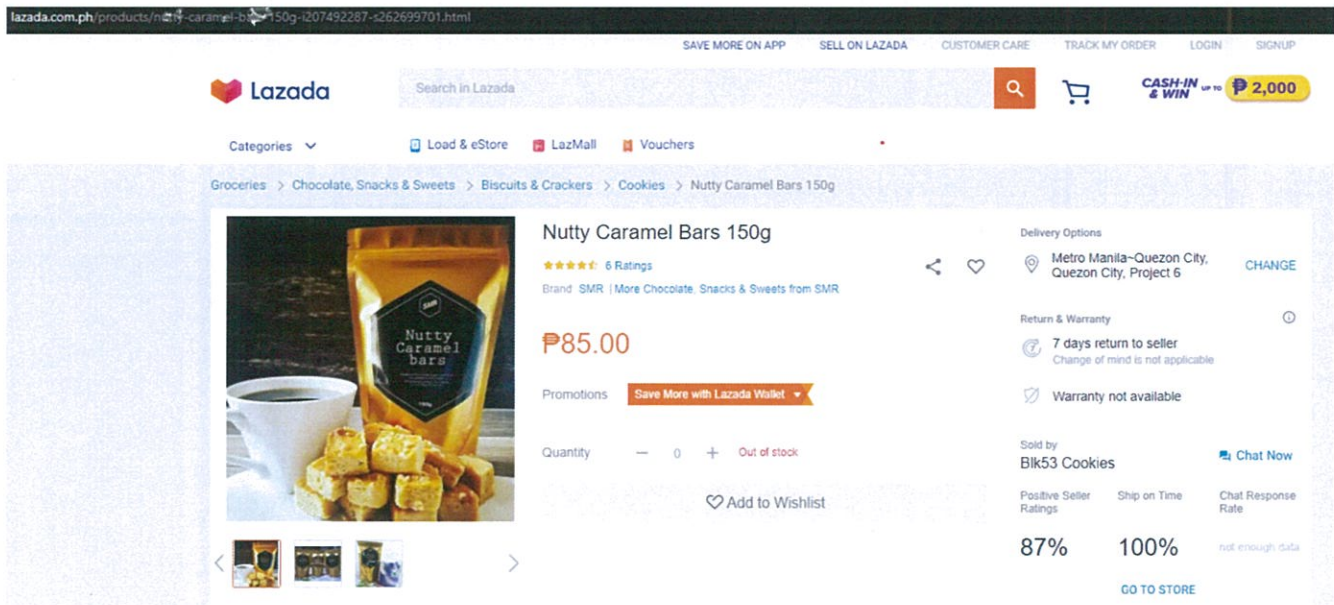


Figure 4. Unregistered SMR Nutty Caramel Bars

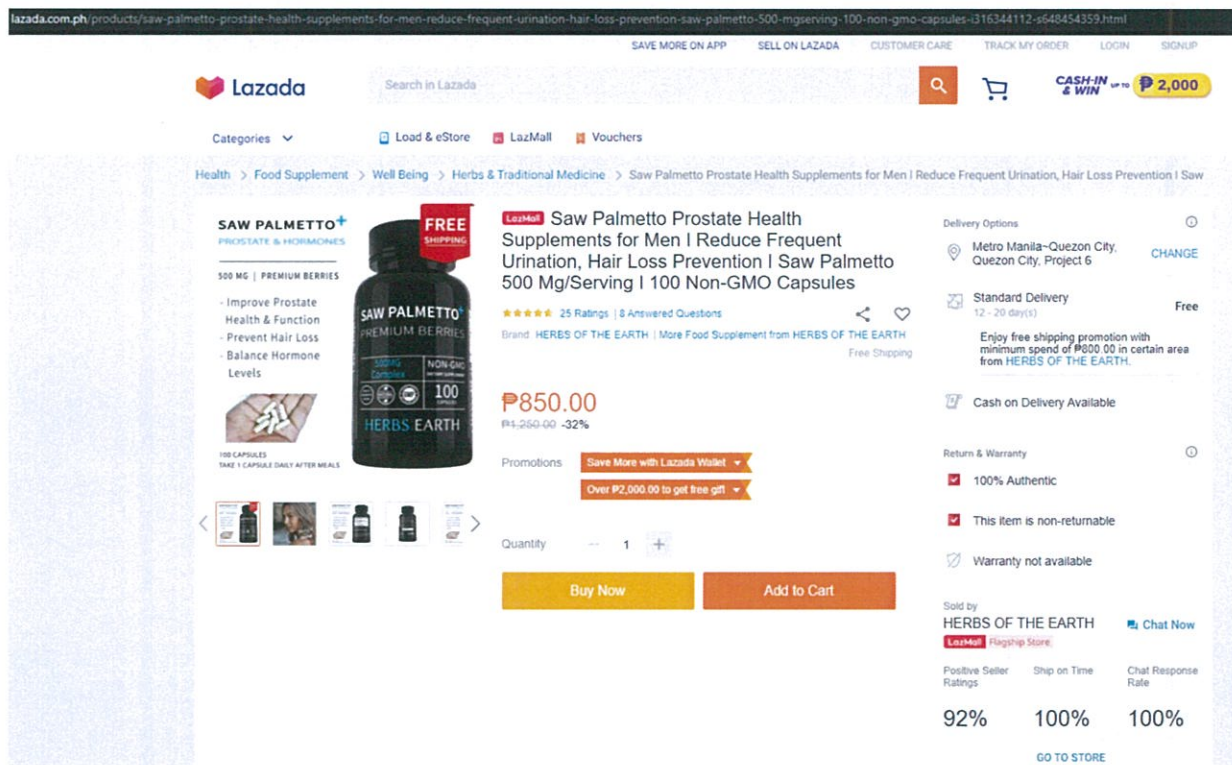


Figure 5. Unregistered HERBS OF THE EARTH SAW PALMETTO+ Premium Berries Dietary Supplement Capsules

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food products and food supplement 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 products and food supplement 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 products and food supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product or food supplement.

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.

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

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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