

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-818

TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. KALINGA BREW Ground Coffee
- 2. MARKY'S PRIMEBAKE Ube Special Puto Seko Biscuit
- 3. MARKY'S PRIMEBAKE Buko Pandan Puto Seko Biscuit
- 4. PICANTE Hot & Spicy Spanish Sardines in Corn Oil
- 5. PICANTE Portuguese Spanish Sardines in Corn Oil

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



Figure 1. Unregistered KALINGA BREW Ground Coffee, 400g





Figure 2. Unregistered MARKY'S PRIMEBAKE Ube Special Puto Seko Biscuit, Net Wt. 170g



Figure 3. Unregistered MARKY'S PRIMEBAKE Buko Pandan Puto Seko Biscuit, Net Wt. 170g



Figure 4. Unregistered PICANTE Hot & Spicy Spanish Sardines in Corn Oil, Net Wt. 230g / 8oz



Figure 5. Unregistered PICANTE Portuguese Spanish Sardines in Corn Oil, Net Wt. 230g / 8oz

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the above mentioned food products 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 products 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/food supplements 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 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.

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

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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