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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of Disinfectants/Biocides Products with Misleading Health Claims that Decrease the Risk for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Infection

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public against misleading advertisements, claims on its safety and effectiveness and promotion of various disinfectants/biocides monitored as part of the postmarketing surveillance activity of the Regional Field Office. (Refer to the image below.)

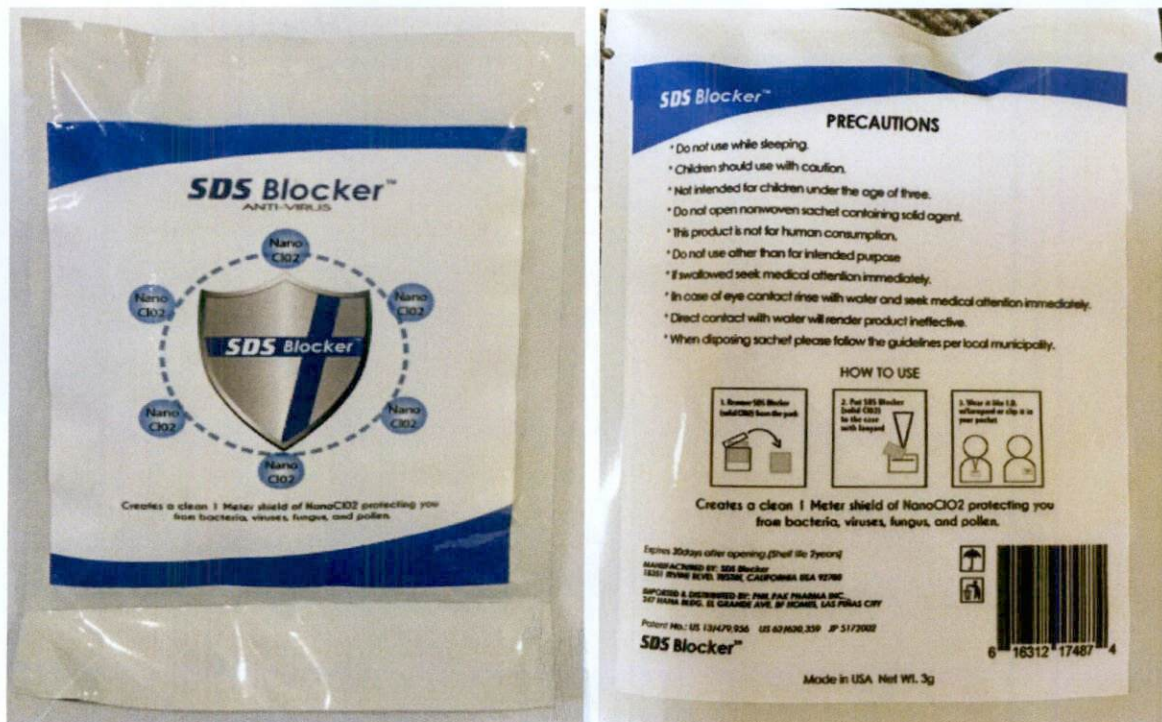


Figure 1. SDS Blocker Anti-Virus





Figure 2. Virus Shut Out

The public is hereby advised to be vigilant against such deceptive marketing and promotion of disinfectants/biocides. These products shall not, in any way, cure and specially kill viruses and bacteria and any other disease, and should not bear any misleading, deceptive and false claims on their labels and/or any promotional materials that will provide erroneous impression on the product's character or identity.


Potential hazard may come from exposure to ingredients such as Chlorine dioxide or chlorite. Exposure to these chemicals through inhalation and skin contact may cause irritation in the mouth, esophagus, or stomach, shortness of breath and other respiratory problems.

Further, the FDA would like to emphasize that this time, **there are no specific treatments for COVID-19**. Everyone is encouraged to follow accurate public health advice and guidance from the Department of Health and the World Health Organization on basic protective measures against COVID-19 like handwashing, respiratory etiquette and physical distancing.

All concerned establishments are sternly warned and hereby directed to stop such misleading advertisements and promotions. Appropriate regulatory sanctions shall be executed to establishments that are continuously conducting such and other similar activities upon issuance of this Advisory.

To report any sale or distribution of unnotified/unregistered health products, kindly email FDA via ereport@fda.gov.ph or covidresponse@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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