



**FDA ADVISORY**  
No. **2020-1002**

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**TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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

1. **THE SECRET RECIPE Momordica Charantia (Ampalaya) Food Supplement**
2. **(UNBRANDED) Ampalaya Herbal Food Supplement**
3. **(UNBRANDED) Mangosteen Herbal Food Supplement**
4. **(UNBRANDED) Serpentina Herbal Food Supplement**
5. **(UNBRANDED) Turmeric Herbal Food Supplement**

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

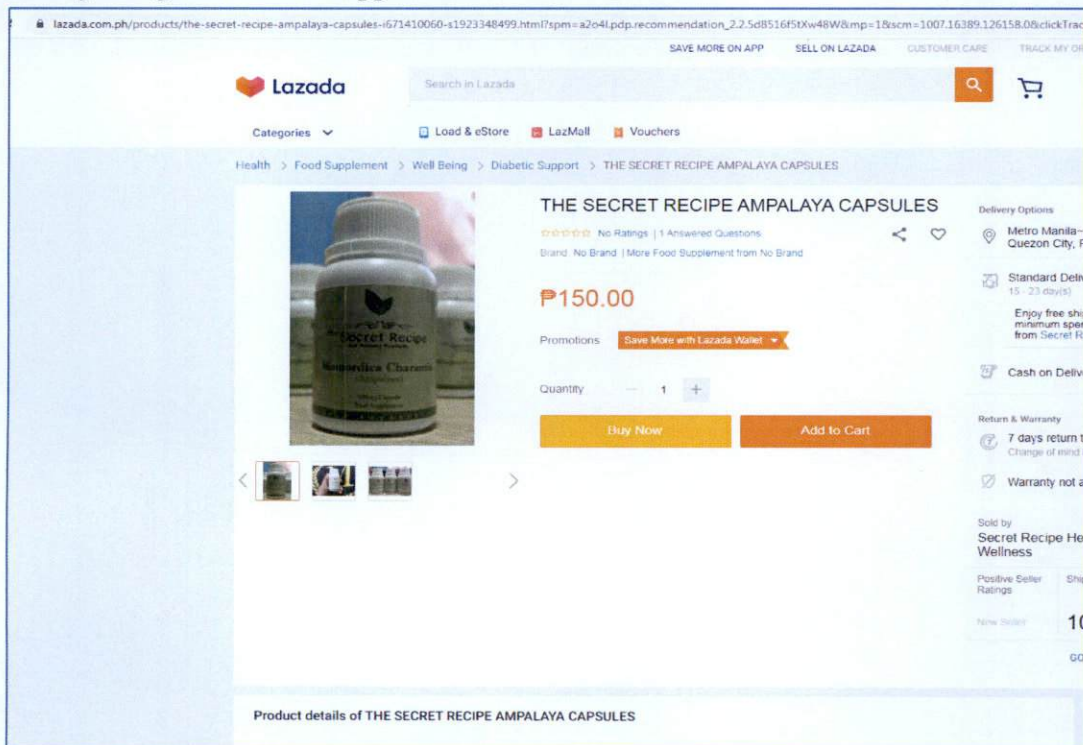


Figure 1. Unregistered THE SECRET RECIPE Momordica Charantia (Ampalaya) Food Supplement, 500mg




lazada.com.ph/products/ampalaya-herbal-food-supplement-100-capsule-500grams-i371730459-s842496070.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.71.4ffb10b2fEluSp&search=1

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### AMPALAYA HERBAL FOOD SUPPLEMENT 100 CAPSULE 500grams

★★★★★ 1 Ratings

Brand: No brand | More Food Supplement from No brand

**₱150.00**  
₱250.00 -40%

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Quantity: - 0 + Out of stock

Add to Wishlist

Delivery Options: Metro Manila-Quezon City, P...

Return & Warranty: 7 days easy re... Change of name... Warranty not a...

Sold by: Marion Health & B... Source

Positive Seller Ratings: 94%

Ship on Time: 100%

Product details of AMPALAYA HERBAL FOOD SUPPLEMENT 100 CAPSULE 500grams

- #ampalayacapsule.500grams,100capsule

AMPALAYA CAPSULE

% Organic

Nutritional Properties of Ampalaya:

- ✓Phosphorus
- ✓Iron


Figure 2. Unregistered (UNBRANDED) Ampalaya Herbal Food Supplement, 500g

lazada.com.ph/products/mangosteen-organic-herbal-food-supplement-i628022282-s1754130296.html?spm=a2o4l.pdp.recommendation\_1.2.56032288JOyn9N&mp=1&scm=1007.16389.126158.0&clickTrackId=...

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### Mangosteen Organic Herbal Food Supplement

★★★★★ 2 Ratings | 5 Answered Questions

Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

**₱120.00**

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Quantity: - 1 +

Buy Now   Add to Cart

Delivery Options: Metro Manila-Quezon City, Project 6

Standard Delivery: 12 - 20 days(s)

Cash on Delivery Available

Return & Warranty: 7 days return to seller Change of mind is not applicable. Warranty not available

Sold by: PurpleCure Wellness

Positive Seller Ratings: 91%

Ship on Time: 100%

Product details of Mangosteen Organic Herbal Food Supplement

- Rich in Powerful Antioxidants
- May Have Anti-Inflammatory Properties
- May Have Anticancer Effects
- May Promote Weight Loss
- Supports Blood Sugar Control
- Promotes a Healthy Immune System
- Helps Maintain Healthy Skin
- Anti Diarrhea and Anti Dysentery
- Anti Bacterial
- Aids in Quick Healing of Wounds

Specifications of Mangosteen Organic Herbal Food Supplement

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Figure 3. Unregistered (UNBRANDED) Mangosteen Herbal Food Supplement, 500mg




lazada.com.ph/products/serpentina-organic-herbal-food-supplement-1628142561-s1754816593.html?spm=a2o4l.pdp.recommendation\_1.1.5120373aPpIgbW&mp=1&scm=1007.16389.126158.0&click

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**Serpentina Organic Herbal Food Supplement**

★★★★★ 2 Ratings | 1 Answered Questions

Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

**₱120.00**

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Quantity 1 Only 7 items left

**Buy Now**   **Add to Cart**

Delivery Options

Metro Manila-Quezon City, Project

Standard Delivery  
12 - 20 day(s)

Cash on Delivery

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller  
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

Sold by  
**PurpleCure Wellness**

Positive Seller Ratings   Ship on Time

**91%**   **100%**

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**Product details of Serpentina Organic Herbal Food Supplement**

- Helps relieve Anxiety. Early research shows that Indian snakeroot can reduce anxiety in some people when used for about 20 days. ...
- High blood pressure. ...
- Helps people with Trouble sleeping (insomnia). ...
- Relieves Constipation.
- Relieves Fever
- Relieves Joint pain
- Anti Bacterial
- Good for Colds and Flu
- Good for Sinusitis
- Vermicidal
- Anti Tumor
- Immune Booster
- Prevents Clotting of Arteries


Figure 4. Unregistered (UNBRANDED) Serpentina Herbal Food Supplement, 500mg

lazada.com.ph/products/turmeric-organic-herbal-food-supplement-1628010962-s1754286782.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.bestshown\_1.7.616931#VxvhkP&search=1

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**Turmeric Organic Herbal Food Supplement**

★★★★★ 3 Ratings | 1 Answered Questions

Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

**₱120.00**

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Quantity 1

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Delivery Options

Metro Manila-Quezon City, Project

Standard Delivery  
12 - 20 day(s)

Cash on Delivery Available

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller  
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

Sold by  
**PurpleCure Wellness**

Positive Seller Ratings   Ship on Time

**91%**   **100%**

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**Product details of Turmeric Organic Herbal Food Supplement**

- Anti Inflammatory
- Antioxidant
- Improves Brain Function
- Lower Risk of Brain Diseases
- Lower Risk of Heart Disease
- Prevents and Treats Cancer
- Delays Age-related Chronic Disease
- Cures Acne
- Cures Psoriasis
- Heals Wounds
- Reduce Cholesterol Levels
- Manages weight
- Improve Circulation

Figure 5. Unregistered (UNBRANDED) Turmeric Herbal Food Supplement, 500mg

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 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 supplement is registered with the FDA. The FDA website ([www.fda.gov.ph](http://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 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 supplements, kindly email us through **[ereport@fda.gov.ph](mailto:ereport@fda.gov.ph)**.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

  
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