



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. **ECLECTIC Raw Fresh Freeze Dried St. John's Wort Flower & Leaf Dietary Supplement 90 Non-GMO Veg Caps / 300mg**
2. **CEDAR ALLEY Black St. John's Wort Powder 50g**
3. **MRM St. John's Wort 0.3% Hypericins Dietary Supplement 60 Vegan Capsules**
4. **NATURE'S TRUTH Standardized St. John's Wort 300 mg Herbal Supplement 90 Quick Release Capsules**
5. **SWANSON St. John's Wort 375 mg 120 Capsules**

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

The screenshot shows the Lazada product page for 'St. John's Wort, 300 mg, 90 Non-GMO Veggie Caps'. The product is by 'eclectic' and is priced at P1,290.00, which is 18% off from the original price of P1,578.00. The page includes a 'Cash-in and Win P10,000' promotion banner, delivery options for Metro Manila-Quezon City, and a 7-day easy return policy. The seller is 'Pine Alps' with an 88% positive seller rating. The product details section lists benefits such as relieving PMS symptoms, improving mood during menopause, and fighting inflammation.

Figure 1. ECLECTIC Raw Fresh Freeze Dried St. John's Wort Flower & Leaf Dietary Supplement 90 Non-GMO Veg Caps / 300mg



lazada.com.ph/products/st-john39s-wort-powder-50grams-i367950098-s033144562.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.60.317059270sNqIE&search=1

SAVE MORE ON APP SELL ON LAZADA CUSTOMER CARE TRACK MY ORDER LOGIN SIGNUP

Lazada Search in Lazada CASH-IN & WIN UP TO P10,000

Categories Load & eStore LazMall Vouchers

Health > Food Supplement > Well Being > Nutritional Foods & Drinks > St. John's Wort Powder 50grams

St. John's Wort Powder 50grams
 ★★★★★ 3 Ratings
 Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

P150.00
 Promotions: Cash-in and Win P10,000

Quantity: 1 (Only 8 items left)
 Buy Now Add to Cart

Delivery Options: Metro Manila-Quezon City, Quezon City, Project 6 CHANGE
 Standard Delivery: 11 - 14 day(s) P40.00
 Cash on Delivery Available

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

Sold by Cedar Alley Enterprise Chat Now

| Positive Seller Ratings | Ship on Time | Chat Response Rate |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 96% | 100% | 90% |

GO TO STORE

Figure 2. CEDAR ALLEY Black St. John's Wort Powder 50g

lazada.com.ph/products/st-johns-wort-60-vegan-capsules-i283944817-s443132753.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.70.317059270sNqIE&search=1

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Lazada Search in Lazada CASH-IN & WIN UP TO P10,000

Categories Load & eStore LazMall Vouchers

Health > Food Supplement > Well Being > Brain & Memory > St. John's Wort, 60 Vegan Capsules

St. John's Wort, 60 Vegan Capsules
 ★★★★★ No Ratings
 Brand: MRM | More Food Supplement from MRM

P960.00
 P1,270.00 -24%
 Promotions: Cash-in and Win P10,000

Quantity: 0 (Out of stock)
 Add to Wishlist

Delivery Options: Metro Manila-Quezon City, Quezon City, Project 6 CHANGE

Return & Warranty: 7 days easy return (Change of mind is not applicable)
 Warranty not available

Sold by Pine Alps Chat Now

| Positive Seller Ratings | Ship on Time | Chat Response Rate |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 88% | 54% | 42% |

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Product details of St. John's Wort, 60 Vegan Capsules

- Works as an Antidepressant
- Relieves PMS Symptoms
- Improves Mood During Menopause
- Fights Inflammation and Skin Irritations
- Improves Symptoms of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder



St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) is an herbal extract that has been used in Europe for years. This material has been standardized to contain 0.3% Hypericins, known active components contained in the

Sponsored Products: Brain Boost

Figure 3. MRM St. John's Wort 0.3% Hypericins Dietary Supplement 60 Vegan Capsules


lazada.com.ph/products/natures-truth-st-johns-wort-300mg-90s-i635894879-s1787988083.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.72.317059270sNqiE&search=1

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Lazada Search in Lazada   **CASH-IN & WIN** up to **₱10,000**

Categories ▾ Load & eStore LazMall Vouchers

Health > Food Supplement > Well Being > Anti-Aging > Nature's Truth St. Johns Wort 300mg 90s



Nature's Truth St. Johns Wort 300mg 90s

★☆☆☆☆ No Ratings
Brand: | More Food Supplement from (brandName)

₱650.00
₱860.00 -24%

Promotions **Cash-in and Win ₱10,000**

Quantity Only 4 items left

Delivery Options

Metro Manila-Quezon City, Quezon City, Project 6

Standard Delivery
11 - 14 days(s) **₱40.00**

Cash on Delivery Available

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

Sold by **FitBinge**



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| Positive Seller Ratings | Ship on Time | Chat Response Rate |
| 86% | 72% | 100% |

Product details of Nature's Truth St. Johns Wort 300mg 90s Sponsored Products

Figure 4. NATURE'S TRUTH Standardized St. John's Wort 300 mg Herbal Supplement 90 Quick Release Capsules

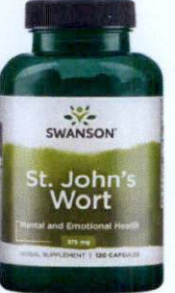
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SAVE MORE ON APP SELL ON LAZADA CUSTOMER CARE TRACK MY ORDER LOGIN SIGNUP

Lazada Search in Lazada   **CASH-IN & WIN** up to **₱10,000**

Categories ▾ Load & eStore LazMall Vouchers

Health > Food Supplement > Well Being > Stress, Sleep, and Anxiety > Swanson St. John's Wort 375mg 120 capsules



Swanson St. John's Wort 375mg 120 capsules

★★★★★ 11 Ratings | 4 Answered Questions
Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

₱326.00

Promotions **Cash-in and Win ₱10,000**

Quantity **Out of stock**

Delivery Options

Metro Manila-Quezon City, Quezon City, Project 6

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available


Sold by **Vita Phil**

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| Positive Seller Ratings | Ship on Time | Chat Response Rate |
| 97% | 98% | 89% |

Product details of Swanson St. John's Wort 375mg 120 capsules Sponsored Products

- Expiry 08/21- Supports mood regulation
- Helps maintain emotional well-being
- Support a feeling of tranquility and promotes a healthy emotional balance

- Promotes a feeling of calmness and relaxationBrighten your spirits and start whistling a happy tune with Swanson St. John's Wort. St. John's Wort has become one of the world's most popular herbal supplements, thanks to the unique support it provides for emotional well-being. The powerful components in St. John's Wort promote mood and emotional wellness.



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Figure 5. SWANSON St. John's Wort 375 mg 120 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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