



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY
No. **2020-988**

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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. **HERBS OF THE EARTH ADAPTOGENS Premium Blend of Ashwagandha, Rhodiola Rosea, Astragalus Root, Panax Ginseng, Siberian Ginseng and Holy Basil Dietary Supplement**
2. **PHYSICIAN'S CHOICE (R) Ashwaganda Extra Strength 1950 mg Dietary Supplement**
3. **SWANSON Rhodiola Ashwagandha Ginseng Complex Adaptogenic Herbal Formula**
4. **JUST JAIVIK Organic Ashwagandha Powder 8oz**
5. **DABUR Ashwagandha Churna Powder 100g**

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

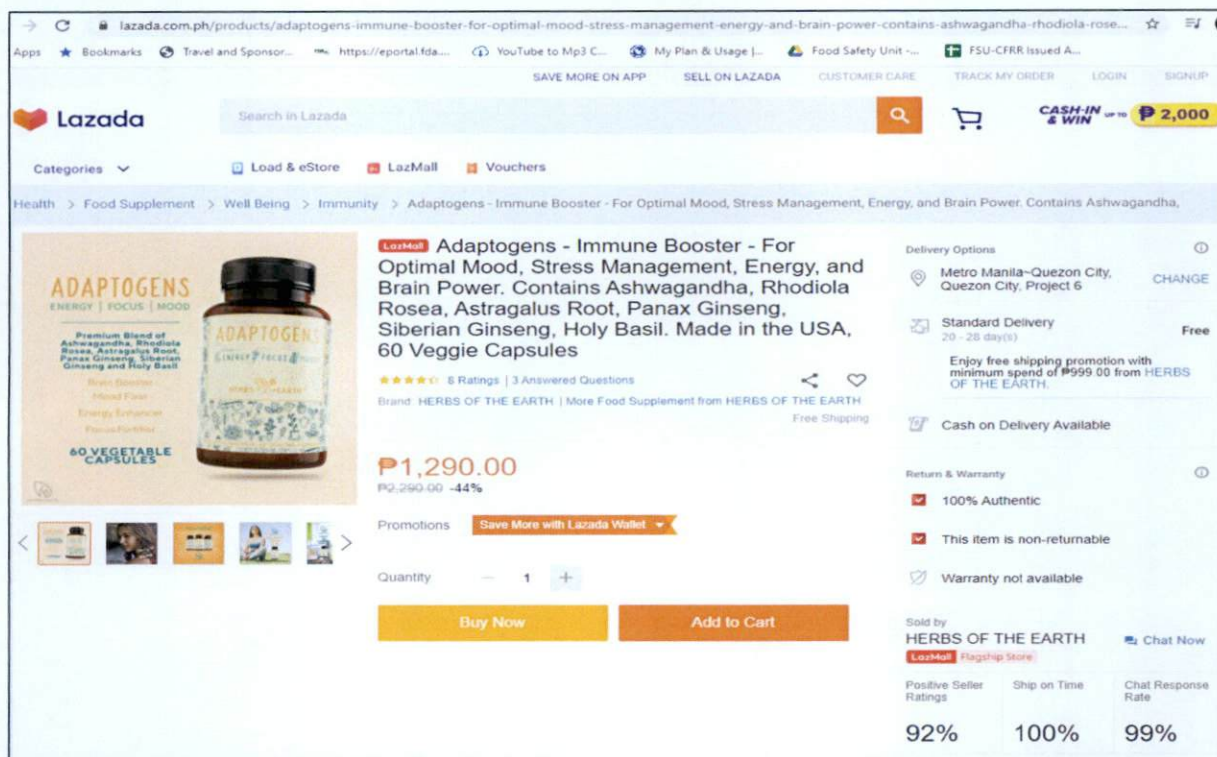


Figure 1. HERBS OF THE EARTH ADAPTOGENS Premium Blend of Ashwagandha, Rhodiola Rosea, Astragalus Root, Panax Ginseng, Siberian Ginseng and Holy Basil Dietary Supplement



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Physicians Choice Extra Strength 1950mg, Organic Ashwagandha (90 Capsules)

★★★★★ 43 Ratings | 14 Answered Questions

Brand: No Brand | More Food Supplement from No Brand

₱1,695.00

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Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

Sold by **Vitamin Hub** **Chat Now**

Positive Seller Ratings	Ship on Time	Chat Response Rate
94%	100%	99%

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Figure 2. PHYSICIAN'S CHOICE (R) Ashwaganda Extra Strength 1950 mg Dietary Supplement

lazada.com.ph/products/swanson-rhodiola-ashwagandha-ginseng-complex-reishi-astragalus-goji-60caps-codebm-i257741666-s355094004.html?spm=a2o4l...


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Swanson Rhodiola Ashwagandha Ginseng Complex +Reishi Astragalus Goji 60caps (code:bm)

★★★★★ 4 Ratings | 4 Answered Questions

Brand: Swanson Health Vitamins | More Food Supplement from Swanson Health Vita...

₱690.00
~~₱980.00~~ -30%

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Warranty not available

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Positive Seller Ratings	Ship on Time	Chat Response Rate
96%	100%	59%

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Figure 3. SWANSON Rhodiola Ashwagandha Ginseng Complex Adaptogenic Herbal Formula


lazada.com.ph/products/just-jaivik-organic-ashwagandha-powder-8oz-i248093158-s338913601.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.12.2f01cf52hTZZ7u&search=1

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Just Jaivik Organic, Ashwagandha Powder 8oz

★★★★★ 4 Ratings | 3 Answered Questions

Brand: Just Jaivik | More Food Supplement from Just Jaivik

₱1,499.00

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20 - 28 day(s) **Free**

Enjoy free shipping promotion with minimum spend of ₱1,000.00 from **Arenade.ph**.

Cash on Delivery Available

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

Sold by **Arenade.ph** **Chat Now**

Positive Seller Ratings	Ship on Time	Chat Response Rate
93%	100%	91%

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Figure 4. JUST JAIVIK Organic Ashwagandha Powder 8oz


lazada.com.ph/products/dabur-ashwagandha-churna-powder-100g-i677742518-s1945306579.html?spm=a2o4l.searchlist.list.14.2f01cf52hTZZ7u&search=1

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Dabur Ashwagandha Churna Powder 100g

★★★★★ 2 Ratings

Brand: Dabur | More Food Supplement from Dabur

₱270.00
~~₱350.00~~ -23%

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Quantity — 1 +

Buy Now **Add to Cart**

Delivery Options

Metro Manila-Quezon City, Quezon City, Project 6 **CHANGE**

Standard Delivery
18 - 27 day(s) **₱40.00**

Cash on Delivery Available

Return & Warranty

7 days return to seller
Change of mind is not applicable

Warranty not available

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

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Figure 5. DABUR Ashwagandha Churna Powder 100g

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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