

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. <u>LIGHT CULTURE Organic Mangosteen Fruit Dietary</u> <u>Supplement</u>
- 2. LIGHT CULTURE Organic Noni Dietary Supplement
- 3. LIGHT CULTURE Organic Gotu Kola Dietary Supplement
- 4. LIGHT CULTURE Organic Sambong Dietary Supplement
- 5. LIGHT CULTURE Organic Turmeric Dietary Supplement

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

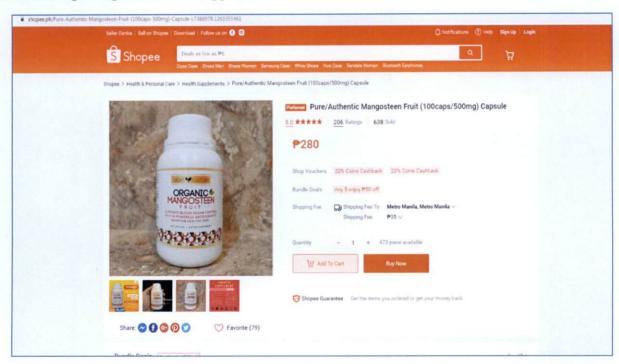


Figure 1. Unregistered LIGHT CULTURE Organic Mangosteen Fruit Dietary Supplement



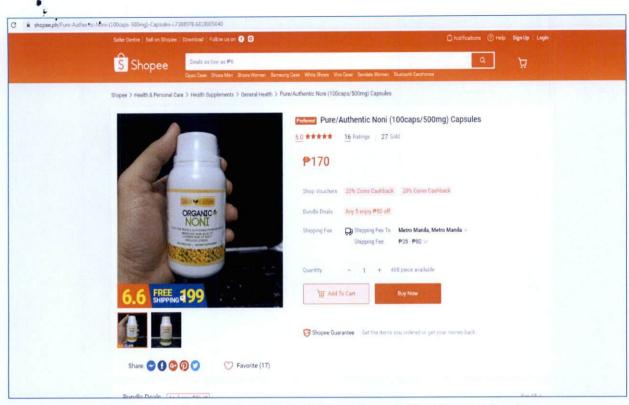


Figure 2. Unregistered LIGHT CULTURE Organic Noni Dietary Supplement

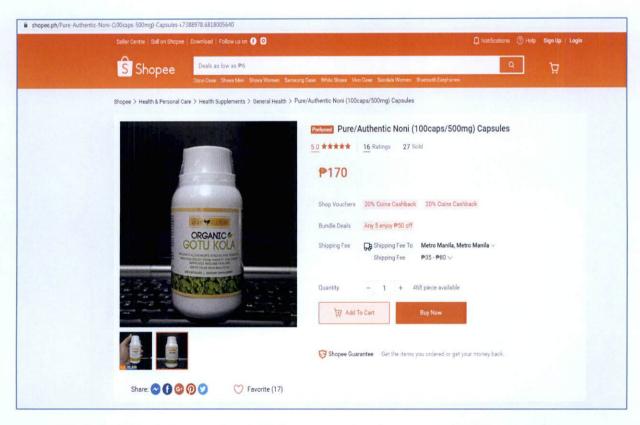


Figure 3. Unregistered LIGHT CULTURE Organic Gotu Kola Dietary Supplement

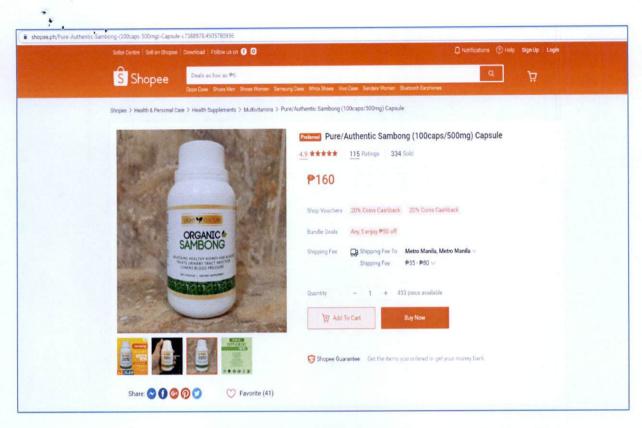


Figure 4. Unregistered LIGHT CULTURE Organic Sambong Dietary Supplement

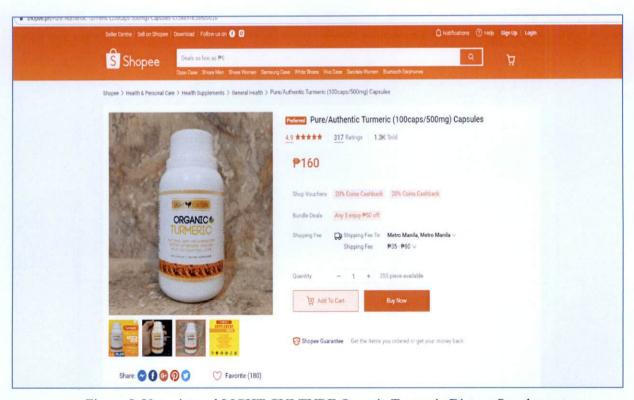


Figure 5. Unregistered LIGHT CULTURE Organic Turmeric Dietary Supplement

The A 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 product 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 supplements until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food supplements.

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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