

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-1138

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TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. COFFEE CORNER (COFFEE BEANS)
- 2. KATE'S CHILI PASTE
- 3. <u>BALAI KABUTE MUSHI-MUSHI MIX ALL PURPOSE</u> <u>VEGAN SEASONING</u>
- 4. ELMA'S FAVORITO VEGETARIAN BAGOONG SPICY
- 5. FARIÑAS SUKANG ILOKO ORIGINAL

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



Figure 1. Unregistered COFFEE CORNER (Coffee Beans), 250g





Figure 2. Unregistered KATE'S Chili Paste



Figure 3. Unregistered BALAI KABUTE Mushi-Mushi Mix All Purpose Vegan Seasoning, Net Wt. 5g



Figure 4. Unregistered ELMA'S FAVORITO Vegetarian Bagoong - Spicy, Net Wt. 200g



Figure 5. Unregistered FARIÑAS Sukang Iloko Original, Net Contents 350ml

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the above mentioned food products 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 products 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 until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food product.

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/food supplement, kindly email us through ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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