

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY No. 2020-1147

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TO:

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

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

- 1. NATURE'S GOLD 17 in 1 Instant Organic Turmeric Tea (Luyang Dilaw)
- 2. NATURELIVING PLUS Turmeric Powder
- 3. L'AVENIR Sweetened Turmeric Powder
- 4. THE MIRACLE HERB Serpentina Herbal Food Supplement
- 5. OKRA (Ladies Finger) Tea Organic Herbal Food Supplement

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



Figure 1. Unregistered NATURE'S GOLD 17 in 1 Instant Organic Turmeric Tea (Luyang Dilaw)

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Figure 2. Unregistered NATURELIVING PLUS
Turmeric Powder



Figure 3. Unregistered L'AVENIR Sweetened Turmeric Powder



Figure 4. Unregistered THE MIRACLE HERB Serpentina Herbal Food Supplement



Figure 5. Unregistered OKRA (Ladies Finger) Tea Organic Herbal Food Supplement

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food products and food supplements 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 supplements have not gone through the 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 products or food supplements is registered with the FDA. The FDA website (<a href="www.fda.gov.ph">www.fda.gov.ph</a>) 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 and food product until they have been issued the appropriate authorization, a License to Operate (LTO) for the establishment, and a CPR for the food products and 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 products and food supplements, kindly contact us through email at <a href="mailto:ereport@fda.gov.ph">ereport@fda.gov.ph</a>.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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