

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



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TO : ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL

**PUBLIC** 

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of

the following Unregistered Food Supplements:

1. Maca + American Ginseng Capsules Food Supplement

2. Spirulina Tablets Food Supplements

3. KIVEPLAS w/ Kibizu, 70 Vegetable Enzyme Blends, Placenta

Extract, Astaxanthin Capsule Gel

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns all healthcare professionals and the general public **NOT TO PURCHASE AND CONSUME** the following unregistered food supplements with unapproved advertisements and promotions:

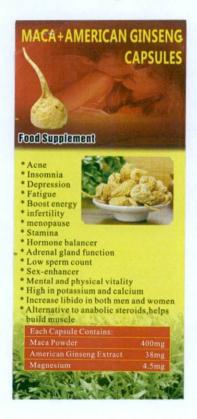
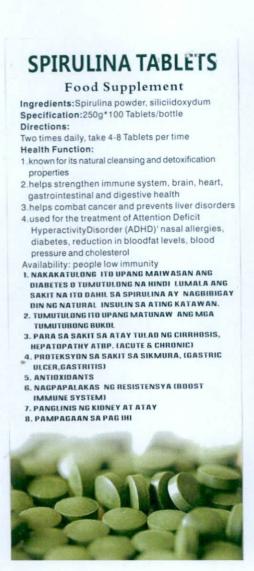


Figure 1. Unregistered Maca + American Ginseng Capsules Food Supplement





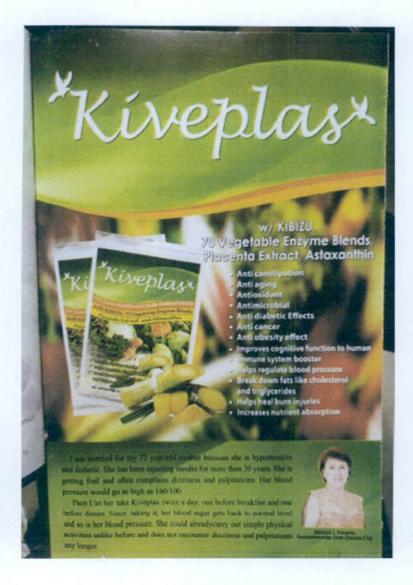


Figure 2. Unregistered Spirulina Tablets Food Supplements

Figure 3. Unregistered KIVEPLAS w/ Kibizu, 70 Vegetable Enzyme Blends, Placenta Extract, Astaxanthin Capsule Gel

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food products and food supplement are not registered and no corresponding Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) have 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.

Likewise, all claims in the advertisements are false, deceptive, and misleading. As per Administrative Order 2010-0008, no person shall advertise, promote, or use in any sponsorship any food/dietary supplements unless such product is duly registered and approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Since these unregistered food supplements have not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure its quality and safety.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute, advertise, or sell the said violative food products until CPR are issued, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued. Always check if a product has been registered with the FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph">www.fda.gov.ph</a>. You may also look for the FDA Registration number on the product label, if available or the name of the product.

All Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and Local Government Unit (LGUs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

The Bureau of Customs is urged to restrain the entry of these unregistered products.

For more information and inquiries about this advisory, kindly contact the FDA Center for Food Regulation and Research through email <u>cfrr@fda.gov.ph</u> indicating on the subject the concerned Advisory, or call (02)857-1900 local 8105 and 8112.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered product, the online reporting facility, **eReport** can be accessed at www.fda.gov.ph/**ereport**.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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