

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



FDA ADVISORY

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TO:

**GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC** 

SUBJECT:

Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of Unnotified Toy and Childcare Article (TCCA) THOMAS & FRIENDS MINIS

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public from purchasing and using the unnotified toy and childcare article (TCCA) product, **THOMAS & FRIENDS MINIS.** (Refer to the image below)



The abovementioned product was verified by FDA through postmarketing surveillance and shows no valid Certificate of Product Notification (CPN) as of 24 July 2020. Pursuant to Book II, Article I, Section 1 (a) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing 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 any health product without the proper authorization from the FDA is prohibited.

Since the abovementioned unnotified toy and childcare article product has not gone through the notification process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure their quality and safety. The use of such violative product may pose health risks to consumers.







Potential hazards may come from ingredients that are not allowed to be part of a toy and childcare article product. The use of substandard and possibly adulterated toy and childcare article product may result to health risks including, but not limited to, endocrine disruption and reproductive or development effects; or may result to injury, choking or suffocation due to its small or broken parts.

In light of the foregoing, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative toy and childcare article product. Moreover, the public is advised to always check if a toy and childcare article product is notified with the FDA through its website (www.fda.gov.ph). It has a Search feature which may be used by typing in the name of the product before deciding on purchasing and/or using the said product.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute violative toy and childcare article product until they have fully complied with the rules and regulation of the FDA.

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 their jurisdiction.

To report any sale, distribution, complaint and/or adverse event on the use of the violative toy and childcare articles, the online reporting facility, eReport can be accessed at ereport@fda.gov.ph, or call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 8857-1900 loc. 8113 or 8107.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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