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FDA ADVISORY
No. **20201486**

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING ON PROLIFERATION OF
REPACKED AND MISBRANDED FOOD PRODUCTS
SOLD ONLINE**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hereby warns the public against the proliferation of repacked and misbranded food products being sold at social media platforms.

This Office monitored several Facebook pages and also received a report from the company **Mondelez Philippines, Inc.** that numerous online sellers are engaged in the selling and distribution of repacked and misbranded food products.



Figure 1. Screenshot of repacked Crushed Oreo and Crushed Grahams posted by A& V Merchandise.



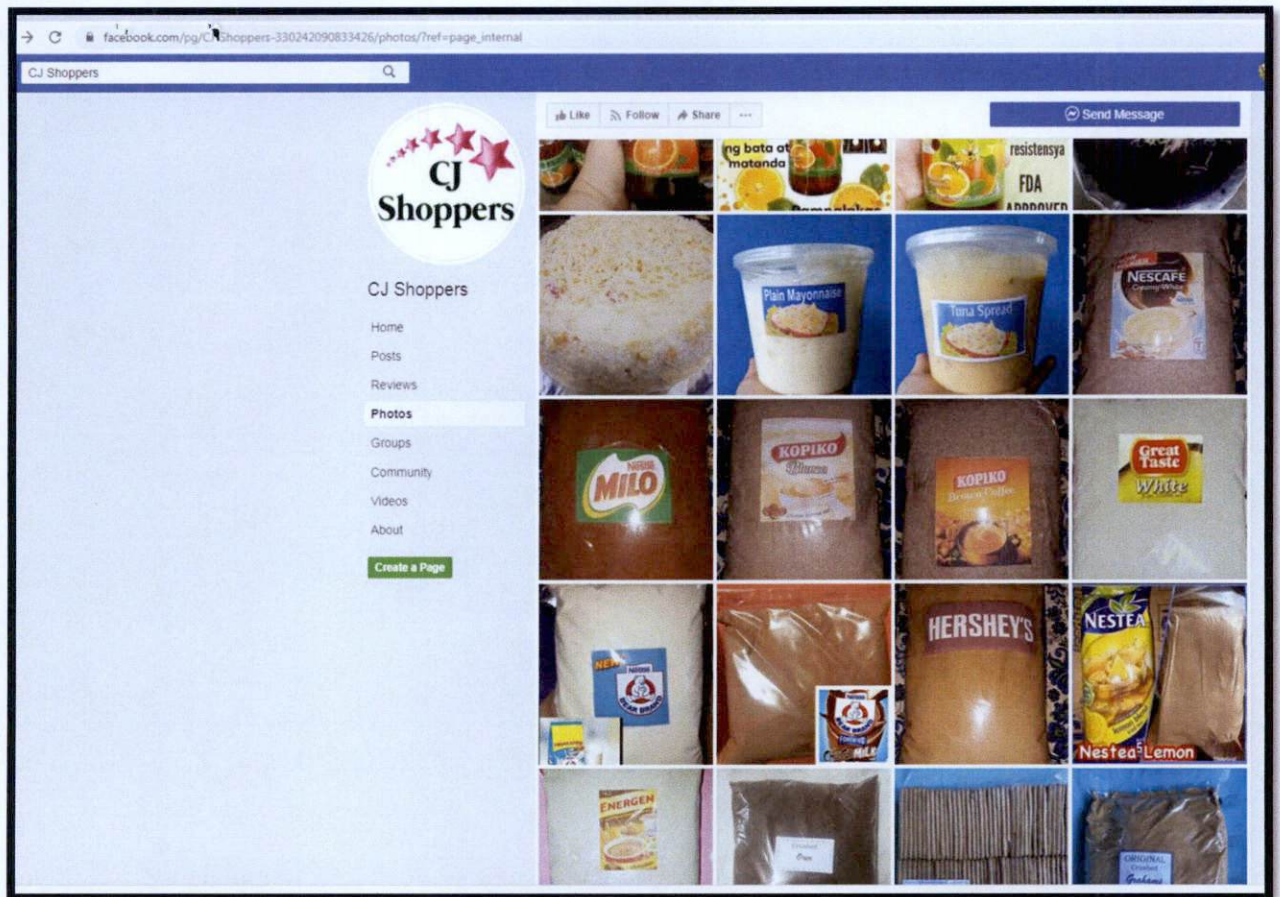


Figure 2. Screenshot of food products not in the original container, posted at CJ Shoppers page.

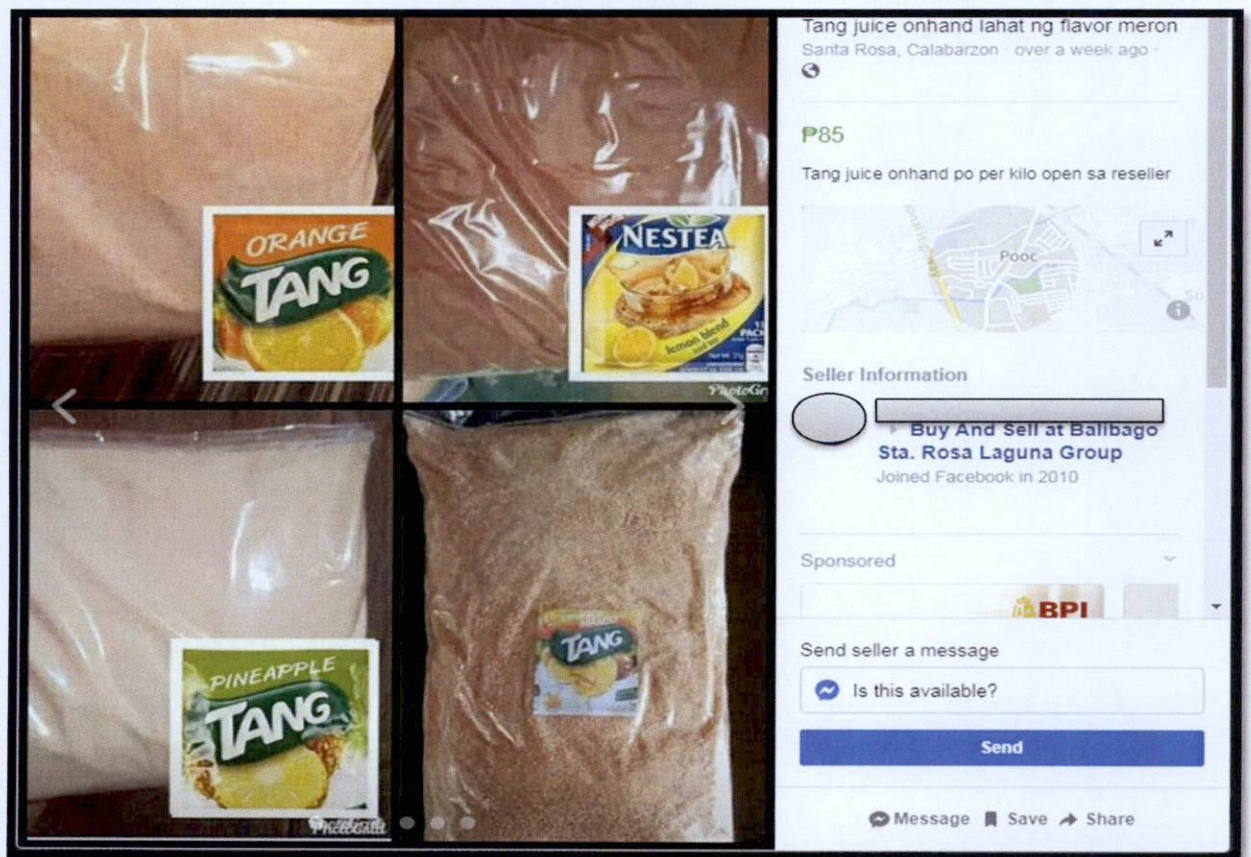


Figure 3. Other unauthorized online selling of various repacked powdered juices.

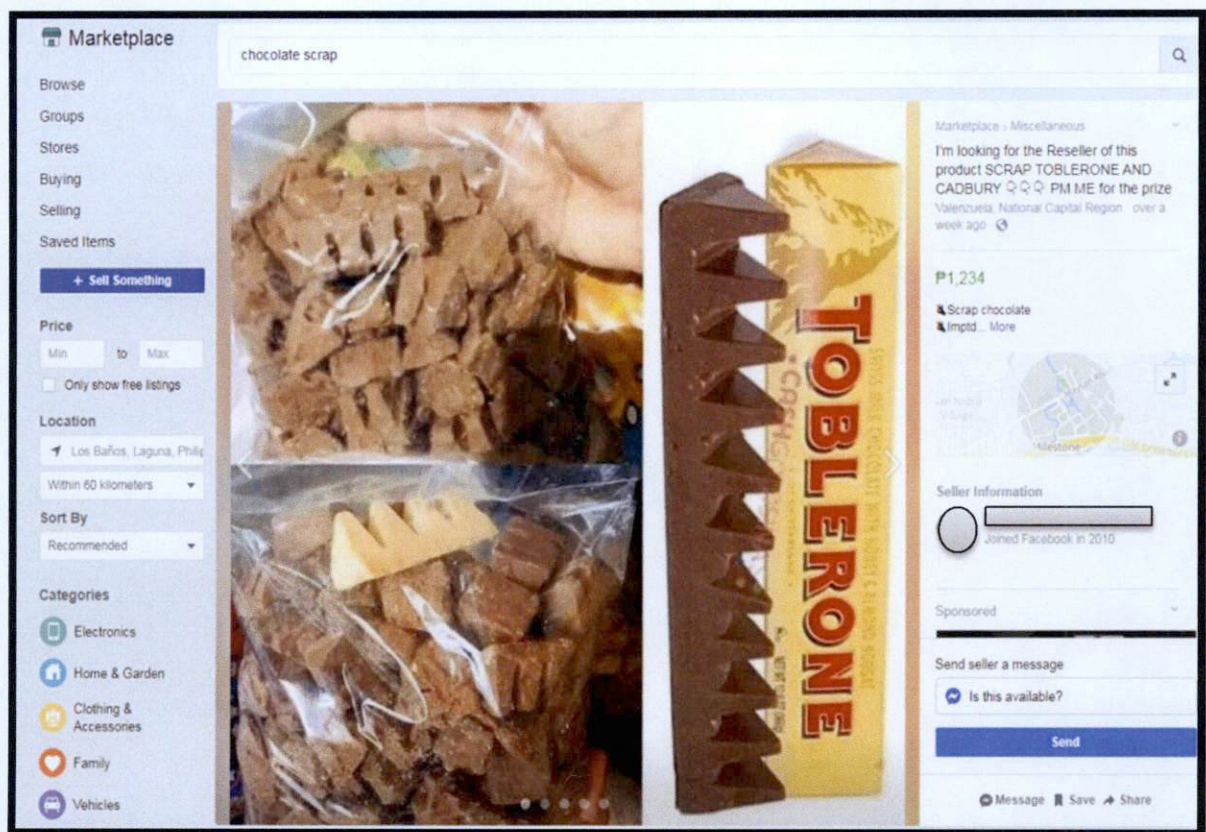
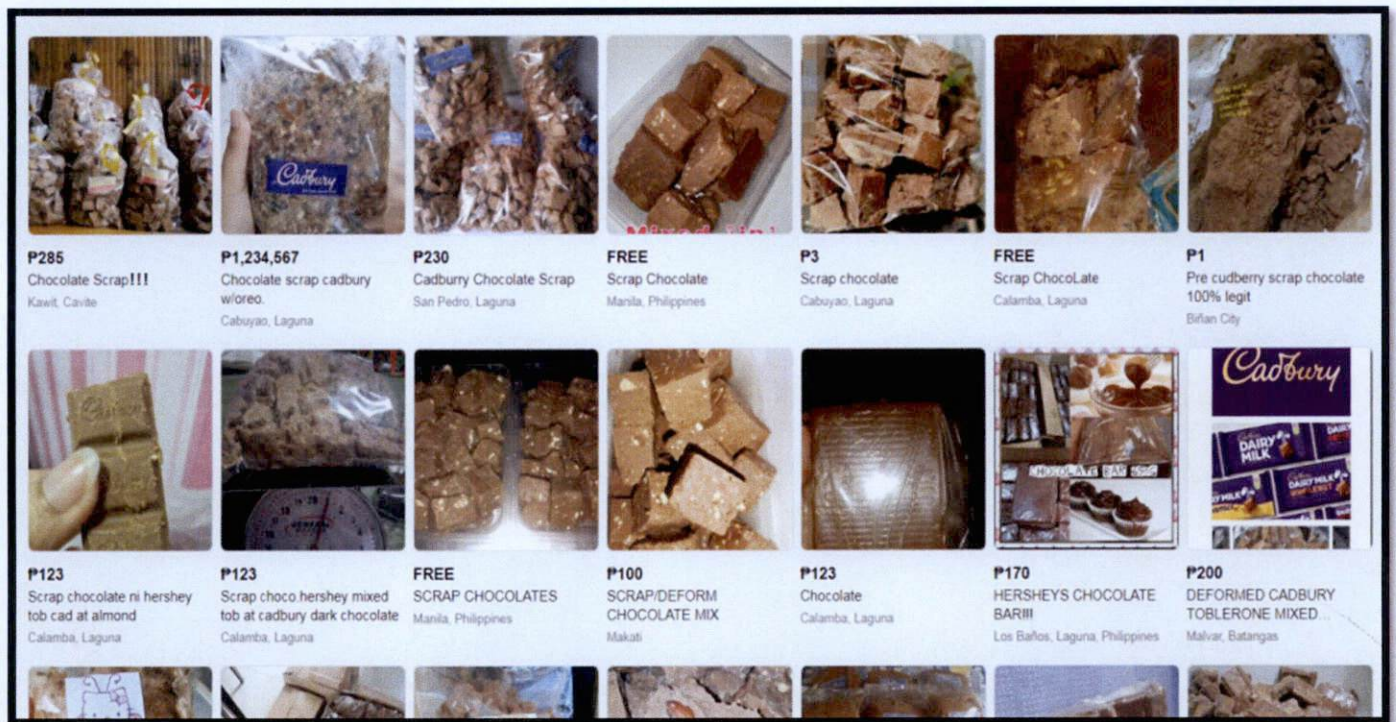


Figure 4. Unauthorized selling of repacked and misbranded chocolate scraps. (Photos taken from Facebook Marketplace)



Figure 5. Screenshots of other repacked food products posted at different Facebook pages.

Considering that the sources cannot be identified as well as good manufacturing and handling practices cannot be assured, the safety of these food products cannot be guaranteed. Moreover, these food products may be adulterated since they may possibly be manufactured and/or repacked under unsanitary conditions and may also contain substances which can pose health risks to the consumers.

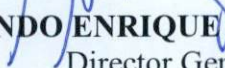
The public is hereby advised to purchase only from reliable sources and FDA-licensed food establishments and refrain from buying food products that are not in their original container and do not have complete labeling information.

Likewise, all entities, sellers, and/or distributors are sternly warned and **hereby ordered not to manufacture, repack, distribute, sell, or offer for sale any adulterated, misbranded, and unregistered food products.** Appropriate regulatory sanctions shall be imposed to establishments that are continuously conducting such and other similar activities upon issuance of this Advisory.

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

To report continuous sale or distribution of violative food products, 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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