

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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FDA ADVISORY No. **2020-1539**

TO : ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the following Unregistered Food Supplements:

- 1. SWANSON PREMIUM BRAND Full Spectrum Avena Sativa (Green Oat Grass) Herbal Supplement, 60 Capsules,400mg
- 2. <u>SWANSON Valerian Root, Sleep Support,475mg per</u> capsule, Herbal Supplement,100 Capsule
- 3. SWANSON PREMIUM BRAND Alcohol & Sugar-Free Oil of Oregano Herbal Supplement, 1 fl oz (29.6ml)
- 4. SWANSON Full Spectrum Korean Red Ginseng Root,
 Brain and Nervous System Health, 400mg, Herbal
 Supplement, 90 Capsules
- 5. SWANSON Brain Essentials, Memory Support,12 Brain Boosting Nutrients, Dietary Supplement, 60 Veggie Capsule

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



Figure 1. Unregistered SWANSON PREMIUM BRAND Full Spectrum Avena Sativa (Green Oat Grass) Herbal Supplement, 60 Capsules,400mg

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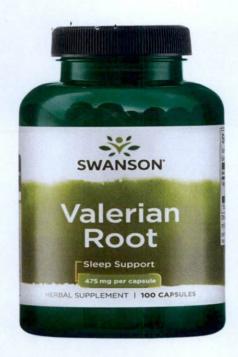


Figure 2. Unregistered SWANSON Valerian Root, Sleep Support,475mg per capsule, Herbal Supplement,100 Capsule



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Figure 3. Unregistered SWANSON PREMIUM BRAND Alcohol & Sugar-Free Oil of Oregano Herbal Supplement, 1 fl oz (29.6ml)

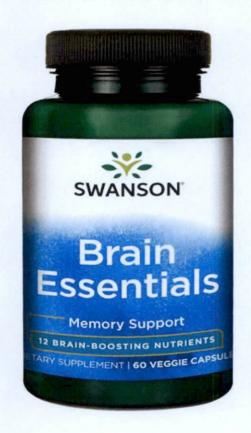


Figure 5. Unregistered SWANSON Brain Essentials, Memory Support,12 Brain Boosting Nutrients, Dietary Supplement, 60 Veggie Capsule

The FDA verified through **post marketing surveillance** that the abovementioned food supplements 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.

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 supplements 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 www.fda.gov.ph. 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 the unregistered imported 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)8857-1900 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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