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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF “SAKTONG IODINE SA ASIN” QUALITY SEAL

The Diamond Sangkap Pinoy Seal (DSPS) is the seal of good nutrition quality awarded to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed manufacturers who fortify their products according to standards. Administrative Order (AO) No. 82 s. 2003 stipulates the guidelines on the granting of the DSPS to manufacturers of staple foods namely, rice, sugar, cooking oil, flour, and salt. These staples, when fortified, are the means to increase the micronutrient intake of the population particularly of the at risk groups thus, eliminating the problem of micronutrient malnutrition.

Using the DSPS in the label also reassures the consumers that the product is manufactured and fortified within the national standards as prescribed in Republic Act (RA) 8976 (Philippine Food Fortification Act) and RA 8172 (ASIN Law).

The adequately-iodized salt quality seal, dubbed as “Saktong Iodine sa Asin”, is developed mainly to strengthen and revitalize the existing DSPS used in the labels of iodized salt. This new adequately-iodized salt seal (Figure 1) aims to increase awareness and use of adequately-iodized salt in households and point of purchase. The quality seal will serve as guide to consumers in identifying and purchasing adequately-iodized salt.



Figure 1. New Diamond Sangkap Pinoy seal for iodized salt: Adequately-iodized salt quality seal, also known as “Saktong Iodine sa Asin”

