



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of Counterfeit Cosmetic Product "BODYXPERT STRETCH MARK LOTION ENRICHED WITH COCOA BUTTER AND VITAMIN E"

In furtherance to FDA Advisory No. 2021-1017 "Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the Non-Compliant Cosmetic Product "BODYXPERT STRETCH MARK LOTION ENRICHED WITH COCOA BUTTER AND VITAMIN E" dated 14 May 2021, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reiterates its advice to the public against the purchase and use of the cosmetic product, BODYXPERT STRETCH MARK LOTION ENRICHED WITH COCOA BUTTER AND VITAMINE E. (Refer to image below)



Figure 1. Counterfeit BODYXPERT STRETCH MARK LOTION ENRICHED WITH COCOA BUTTER AND VITAMIN E



The FDA has coordinated with the Market Authorization Holder (MAH), Lifestrong Marketing Inc., and has verified that the aforementioned cosmetic product is **COUNTERFEIT**. According to the company, Lifestrong Marketing Inc., the LOT No. **RS071017** does not belong to any batches of products that they distributed, released, and sold to their consumers/sellers that same year and thereafter.



Figure 2. Comparison of the Authentic vs. the Counterfeit product

Counterfeit products did not go through the required safety assessment and the FDA verification process. These products pose potential health hazards to the consuming public since their safety and purity cannot be guaranteed. Potential hazards may come from ingredients that are not allowed to be part of a cosmetic product or restricted ingredients that in excessive amount as per ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (ACD). The use of substandard and possibly adulterated cosmetic products may result to adverse reactions, including but not limited to, skin irritation, itchiness, anaphylactic shock, and organ failure.

In light of the foregoing, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative cosmetic product. Moreover, the public is advised to always check if a cosmetic product is notified with the FDA by using the FDA Verification Portal feature accessible at <https://verification.fda.gov.ph> which may be used by typing in the name of the product before purchasing.

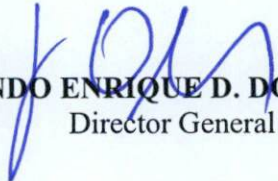
All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute counterfeit cosmetic products.

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 jurisdiction.

Kindly contact the FDA Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research through e-mail at cchuhsrr_prsdd@fda.gov.ph or call (02) 8857-1900 local 8113 or 8107.

To report any sale or distribution of unnotified cosmetic products, the online reporting facility, **eReport** can be accessed at ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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