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Department of Health
BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUGS
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Alabang, Muntinlupa City

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Bureau Circular
No. 02 s. 2004

RE : **GINKGO BILOBA**

TO : All concerned

For the guidance and information of all concerned, BFAD has decided to defer temporarily the implementation of BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 9 s. 2003.

The classification of Ginkgo biloba remains as FOOD for those preparations containing less than 40mg, as long as, there is no claim of treating, preventing or mitigating disease.

Ginkgo Biloba is also classified as DRUG if:

- (1) the amount is 40mg up to 120mg
- (2) there are vaunted therapeutic claims

It is advised that Ginkgo Biloba should not be taken for 6 months and longer and it should not be used with warfarin and other thrombolytic agents.

Bfad, in the meantime, will continue accepting applications for initial and renewal registration.

At the present time, the Bureau is re-evaluating the safety of the long-term use of Ginkgo Biloba. Materials and information are presently being collated. Results of this review will be made known after 2 months.

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