13 November 2001

BUREAU CIRCULAR
NO. 15-A s. 2001

TO : ALL DRUGSTORES, FOOD AND DRUG REGULATION
OFFICERS AND PARTIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO BFAD CIRCULAR NO. 23 DATED 16
SEPTEMBER 1994

In response to the clamor of senior citizens for an increase in the
amounts of medicines that they may purchase under the aforesaid circular so
that they may be spared from making more frequent visits to the
drugstores whenever advisable, this amendment is issued for the information
and compliance of all concerned.

1. Section (b) of BFAD Circular No. 23 s. 1994 (b) is hereby
amended to read as follows:

(b) As a general rule, any single dispensing should not be more than
one (1) month supply. However, when the drugs are for chronic conditions
requiring continuous use for more than a month, such as but not limited to
anti-hypertensive, anti-diabetic, anti-angina, anti-thyroid, anti-parkinsonism,
anti-arthritis, anti-TB, anti-neoplastic, anti-psychotic, hormonal drugs for
prolonged use and dietary supplements (vitamins and minerals) a maximum
of three (3) months supply may be dispensed at a time.

2. Except as above modified, all other provisions of BC 23 s. 1994
shall remain in full force and effect.

This circular shall take effect immediately.

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