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TO : ALL CONCERNED FOOD IMPORTERS/
DISTRIBUTORS

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SUBJECT : PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM CHINA

With the recent and alarming news wherein various foodstuffs imported from China were reported to have been manufactured using formaldehyde, illegal dyes, and industrial wax, the Bureau of Food and Drugs has been into regular monitoring, sampling and testing of products for the possibility of the presence of these toxic elements.

In the light that you are jointly responsible and have the moral duty to meet the right of our consuming public to safe products, and to help restraint the fear of the consuming public, you are hereby ordered to submit samples of your products to BFAD-recognized laboratories for testing and to subsequently show proof to BFAD that the products you import are free from any traces of harmful ingredients.

Should the findings show the presence of the said contaminants, further submission of product samples to BFAD for confirmatory laboratory testing is mandatory; incidental laboratory costs shall be borne by the importer.

Attached is the list of BFAD-recognized laboratories.

For your guidance and strict compliance.



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TO: **ALL BFAD DIVISIONS AND PARTIES CONCERNED**

SUBJECT: **List of Recognized Laboratories**

The following are the Laboratories recognized by the Bureau of Food and Drugs under its Laboratory Recognition Program:

| NAME OF LABORATORY | ADDRESS/CONTACT NO. | TYPE OF ANALYSIS |
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| BIOTECH – Central Analytical Services Laboratories (CASL) | Ms. Veronica P. Migo (Head Chemist/Res. Assoc. Prof.) Ms. Rosario S. So (University Researcher II) UPLB College Los Banos, Laguna Telefax : (049) 536-0587 | • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proximate▪ Carbohydrates▪ Minerals▪ Water▪ Fats and Oils▪ Amino Acid▪ GC & HPLC Analyses |
| BIOTECH – Philippine National Collection of Microorganisms (PNCM) | Ms. Rosario G. Monsalud (Head, PNCM) UPLB College Los Banos, Laguna Tel. No.: (049) 536-2884 Fax No.: (049) 536-2721 | • MICROBIOLOGICAL* <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food▪ Water <i>* wide range of analyses offered</i> |
| First Analytical Services & Technical Cooperative (FAST) | Ms. Rosalina Galang (Laboratory Manager) Ms. Elinor Buccat (Technical Manager) 62 20 th Avenue Cubao, Quezon City Tel. No. 913-0241 Fax. No. 913-8848 | • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proximate▪ Fats and Oils▪ GC Analyses • MICROBIOLOGICAL* <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food▪ Water <i>* wide range of analyses offered</i> |

| NAME OF LABORATORY | ADDRESS/CONTACT NO. | TYPE OF ANALYSIS |
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| Intertek Testing Services, Inc. | Ms. Sandra E. Bucao (General Manager) 2 nd Floor ITS Building 2310 Pasong Tamo Ext. Makati City Tel. No.: 819-5841 to 48 Fax No: 817-2994 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proximate ▪ Iodine in Salt ▪ Minerals ▪ Food Additives (Nitrates/ Nitrites, Benzoic/Sorbic Acid, Sulfates/Sulfites) ▪ Fat/Water Soluble Vitamins (HPLC) ▪ Heavy metals (AAS) • MICROBIOLOGICAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food (except pathogenic) ▪ Water |
| Lipa Quality Control Center | Ms. Filomena SD Pascual (General Manager) Ms. Lyvia S. Toledo (Head, Analytical Lab.) 5 th Floor, Sra Maria Bldg. P. Torres St. cor. CM Recto Avenue, Lipa City Tel. No.: (043) 756-6220 to 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proximate |
| Philippine Institute of Pure and Applied Chemistry (PIPAC) | Mr. Modesto Chua (Institute Director) Ms. Angelica S. Maglaya Quality Assurance Manager Ateneo de Manila University Campus Loyola Heights, QC Tel. No.: 426-6072 Fax No.: 426-6073 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD & PHARMACEUTICALS* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spectroscopy (IR, NMR, MS, AA, UV-Vis) ▪ Chromatography (GC, HPLC, TLC, IC) ▪ Acid-base/Redox Titrimetry ▪ Kjeldahl N-analysis ▪ Fluorometry ▪ Electrochemical techniques ▪ Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry <p><i>* wide range of analyses offered</i></p> |
| Progressive Laboratories | Ms. Pinky T. Sinfuego (CEO) Ms. Genevieve C. Leonardo (Quality Control Head) 149 Dangay Street Project 7, Quezon City Tel. No.: 371-3936; 411-2620; 411-2592 Fax No.: 373-6444 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proximate ▪ Aflatoxin ▪ Mineral Analysis (UV-Vis Spectrophotometry and AAS) • MICROBIOLOGICAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total Plate Count ▪ Yeast and Mold ▪ E.coli/coliform ▪ Rapid E. coli/coliform ▪ Salmonella ▪ Sterility ▪ Potability • PHARMACEUTICALS (Vitamins and Antibiotics) |

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| Sentro sa Pagsusuri, Pagsasanay at Pangasiwang Pang- Agham at Teknolohiya Corp. (SENTROTEK) | Mr. Richard A. Tee (General Manager) Ms. Estrella M. Tianco (Lab. Manager) Ms. Jenina Capule (Asst. Lab Manager) 208-B Pilar St. Mandaluyong City Tel. No.: 721-6500 Fax No.: (063) 721-0739 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD* • MICROBIOLOGICAL* • PHARMACEUTICALS* (Vitamins and Antibiotics) – mostly client supplied standards <p><i>* wide range of analyses offered</i></p> |
| SGS Phils., Inc. | Ms. Jocelyn S. Babaan (Division Manager) Ms. Priscila P. Tongco (Technical Manager) 2 nd Floor, Alegria Building 2229 Chino Roces Ave. Makati City Tel. : 817-6231; 817-5656 Fax : 818-2971; 815-0952 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analysis of agri-food commodities, products and chemicals ▪ Pesticide residues testing ▪ Nutritional analysis and labelling • MICROBIOLOGICAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bacteriological analysis of food and other consumer products ▪ Water and Waste Analysis • PHARMACEUTICALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antibiotic formulations and residue testing |

GOVERNMENT COUNTERPART LABORATORIES:

| NAME OF LABORATORY | ADDRESS/CONTACT NO. | TYPE OF ANALYSIS |
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| Food and Nutrition Research Institute | Ms. Teresita R. Portugal (Quality & Technical Manager, FASL) DOST Compound Gen. A Santos Avenue Bicutan, Taguig Tel. No.: 837-6149; 837-8113 Fax No.: 837-3164 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proximate ▪ Water Activity ▪ Vitamin A & Betacarotene (HPLC) ▪ Iron, Calcium, Zinc, Sodium, Potassium (AAS) ▪ Iodine in Salt (Titration) ▪ Fatty Acids, Cholesterol (GC) • MICROBIOLOGICAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerobic Plate Count • Total Coliform • Mold & Yeast • Salmonella • Staphylococcus aureus ▪ Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heterotrophic Plate Count • Total Coliform Count • E. coli Count |

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| Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) – Standards & Testing Division Microbiology Laboratory | Ms. Hermelina H. Bion (Chief) Ms. Ingrid LI. Banal (Lab. Head – Micro Div) DOST Compound, Gen. Santos Ave. Bicutan Taguig, MM Tel. No. 837-2071 ext.2197 Fax No. 837-0032 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MICROBIOLOGICAL* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food ▪ Water <p><i>* wide range of analyses offered (except sterility tests for pharmaceuticals)</i></p> |
| Food Development Center (FDC) | Dr. Alicia Lustre (Director) Ms. Pearl M. Palicpic (Laboratory Manager) FTI Complex Taguig, Metro Manila Tel. No.: 818-3375; 817-5262 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD • MICROBIOLOGICAL |
| Natural Science Research Institute (NSRI) | Dr. Ernelea Cao (Director) Ms. Vina Argayosa (OIC) UP Campus, Diliman Quezon City Tel. No.: 920-7730 (MRSL) 920-7731 (RASL) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD • MICROBIOLOGICAL |

BFAD clients may utilize the testing capabilities of the above stated recognized laboratories for the testing of their products. Test results, however, may be evaluated/verified by BFAD and may be used to meet specific BFAD requirements and other industry requirements whenever necessary.

All the above-mentioned laboratories (except for FDC & NSRI) were already audited and have passed the minimum requirements set by BFAD (as per Guidelines on Laboratory Recognition).

For your information and guidance.


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NOTE:

BFAD Recognized Laboratories refer to laboratories that are acknowledged by BFAD for their compliance to the quality system requirements or criteria based on PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2000, "General Requirements for Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories". It should be emphasized that the Recognition Process has not assessed the technical applicability of its test method used in the analysis. Hence, acceptability of test results from these laboratories would depend on the needs or requirements of requesting party.