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SUBJECT: Declaring Unregistered Contact Lenses to be Imminently Injurious, Unsafe or Dangerous and Authorizing the FDA Inspectors to Seize Said Products from Public Sale or Distribution.

There has been a report of selling and offering for sale of contact lenses along sidewalks in Metro Manila by vendors without a license from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to sell such products. The said contact lense products found being offered for sale are not registered based on the list of registered contact lenses with this Office.

Contact lenses sold or offered for sale without a valid registration with the FDA is in direct violation of Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009. Further, the continued selling of such products in the market undeniably poses imminent danger or injury to the consuming public.

Accordingly, in the interest of protecting public health and safety and pursuant to Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009 authorizing the seizure and holding in custody of any health products found in violation of the provisions of the Act and other relevant laws, rules and regulations, the Food and Drug Regulation Officers of this Office are hereby ordered to seize immediately the unregistered contact lenses for custody from any outlets, stalls or establishments where they may be found. Any outlet or establishment found selling or offering for sale the above products must be reported immediately to the Legal, Information and Compliance Division, this Office for appropriate action.


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