FDA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2015-006

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF IMPORTED HOUSEHOLD/URBAN HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (HUHS) FINISHED PRODUCTS FROM THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) INTENDED SOLELY FOR OWN CONSUMPTION

After a number of inquiries from and consultations with stakeholders engaged in the importation of household/urban hazardous substances (HUHS) in finished form and are intended solely for their own consumption, the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) recognizes that these finished products shall not be for marketing nor shall be for commercial or wholesale distribution.

In consideration thereof, CCRR shall issue Bureau of Customs (BOC) Clearance per shipment in lieu of the License to Operate (LTO) and product registration/notification (CPR/NN) subject to the following requirements:
1. Letter of Intent
2. Notarized Affidavit of Undertaking stating that the imported product does not contain any banned ingredient/s and is intended solely for own consumption and shall not be for marketing nor shall be for commercial or wholesale distribution
3. Copy of shipping documents (such as Bill of Lading, Invoice and Packing List)
4. Proof of Payment (Php 510.00/shipment).

Likewise, for clarification, it is hereby reiterated that raw materials used in the manufacture of cosmetics and/or household/urban hazardous substances (HUHS) are no longer being regulated by FDA-CCRR pursuant to FDA Circular No. 2013-015 “Deregulation of Bulk Industrial Chemicals Used as Raw Materials In Cosmetic Products and Household Products Considered as Urban Hazardous Substances” and that the release of said raw materials from the BOC shall no longer require LTO and CPR/NN pursuant to FDA Memorandum Circular No. 2013-032 “Requirements for the Immediate Release of Products Covered by the FDA at the Bureau of Customs”.

This Circular shall take effect immediately. For the guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

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