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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING AGAINST THE PURCHASE AND USE OF HOUSEHOLD URBAN PESTICIDE (HUP) PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE BANNED INGREDIENT CHLORDANE

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hereby warns the general public against the purchase and use of the household urban pesticide products containing the banned ingredient **Chlordane**, an organochlorine-based product and listed as a persistent organic pollutant which is considered as a poison with acute toxic effects to human health. The National Poison Management Control Center of the UP-PGH (NPMCC-UPPGH) recently reported on the admission of a patient who accidentally ingested this product and caused significant adverse health effects.

As per Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Pesticide Resolution No. 01 s. 1999, which was subsequently adopted by the FDA through FDA Circular No. 2017-005 entitled "*List of Banned Pesticides*" on 08 August 2017, **included Chlordane in this list and therefore** rendering this product as banned for use as a household urban pesticide in the Philippines due to its detrimental health and environmental effects. Hence, the manufacture, importation and distribution of HUPs containing chlordane have been discontinued and withdrawn from the market.

In view of the above, all FDA Regional Field Offices and Regulatory Enforcement Units, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and Local Government Units, are requested to ensure that violative products are not sold or made available in the market or areas of their jurisdiction.

To report any sale, distribution, complaint and/or adverse event on the use of the violative household urban pesticide product, the online reporting facility, eReport can be accessed at ereport@fda.gov.ph or call us at the Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research (CCHUHSRR) hotline (02) 8857-1900 loc. 8113 or 8107.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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