

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO:

ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE

**GENERAL PUBLIC** 

Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption

**SUBJECT:** of the following Unregistered Food Products:

1. Ottogi Rice Friend in a Yellow pouch with graphic of a Monkey, 24 g

2. Ottogi Rice Friend in a Yellow pouch with graphic of a Frog, 36.3 g

3. Assumed noodle in a Red and Dark Brown pouch with image of Noodle Soup in a bowl

4. Assumed noodle in a Light Brown and Dark Brown pouch with image of Noodle Soup in a bowl

5. <u>Butter Cookies in a Yellow and White pouch with image of</u> Butter Cookies, 80 g

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns all healthcare professionals and the general public **NOT TO PURCHASE AND CONSUME** the following unregistered food products:



Figure 1. Unregistered Ottogi Rice Friend in a Yellow pouch with graphic of a Monkey, 24 g (Labels are in foreign characters)

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Figure 2. Unregistered Ottogi Rice Friend in a Yellow pouch with graphic of a Frog, 36.3 g (Labels are in foreign characters)



Figure 4. Unregistered Assumed noodle in a Light Brown and Dark Brown pouch with image of Noodle Soup in a bowl (Labels are in foreign characters)



Figure 3. Unregistered Assumed noodle in a Red and Dark Brown pouch with image of Noodle Soup in a bowl (Labels are in foreign characters)



Figure 5. Unregistered Butter Cookies in a Yellow and White pouch with image of Butter Cookies, 80 g (Labels are in foreign characters)

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food products are not registered and no corresponding Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) have been issued. Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization is prohibited.

Since these unregistered food products have not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure its quality and safety.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute, advertise, or sell the said violative food supplements and food products until CPR are issued, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued. Always check if a product has been registered with us before purchasing it by using the **FDA Verification Portal** feature accessible at <a href="https://verification.fda.gov.ph">https://verification.fda.gov.ph</a>. You may also look for the FDA Registration number on the product label, if available or the name of the product.

All Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and Local Government Unit (LGUs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

The Bureau of Customs is urged to restrain the entry of the unregistered imported products.

For more information and inquiries about this advisory, kindly contact the FDA Center for Food Regulation Office and Research through email <u>cfrr@fda.gov.ph</u> indicating on the subject the concerned Advisory, or call (02)8857-1900 local 8112.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food product/food supplement, the online reporting facility, eReport can be accessed at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.

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