

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING ON BUYING UNREGISTERED TOXIC HOUSEHOLD INSECTICIDES IN THE MARKET

The public is warned from buying unregistered toxic household insecticides that are proliferating in the market. Buying unregistered insecticide products is dangerous to health since the active ingredient is unknown and may cause harm to consumers. There are insecticides that are banned in the Philippines, and these toxic products are being smuggled and dumped in the country.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves only insecticides that are low in mammalian toxicity but knock the insects down upon contact. Insecticides used at home are classified as household hazardous substances and the FDA makes sure that highly toxic substances should not be used in homes with pets or children. There are insecticides which should be properly labeled. Some insecticides need to carry health warning for asthmatics. There are insecticides that can cause skin rashes. There are situations when active ingredients interfere with the metabolism of prescribed medications people are taking for a serious illness, thereby causing complications.

The following insecticides in aerosol cans, mosquito coils and body spray were collected in the market. All consumers are warned from buying these products that did not pass the safety and efficacy assessment of the FDA. These products are harmful, toxic and imminently dangerous to human and animal health:

- 1. Tianshi Insect Killer 750mL Aerosol Can (Spray), HangZhou Huayi Aerosol Co. Ltd., China,
- 2. Big Bie Pai Extra Power Flying Insect Killer 750mL Aerosol Can (Spray)HangZhou Huayi Aerosol Co. Ltd., China,
- 3. *Butiki* Waterbased Multi-Insect Killer Jasmine 750mL Aerosol Can (Spray), possibly locally manufactured,
- 4. General Toad Aerosol Insecticide 750mL Aerosol Can (Spray), Beijing Chuyan Industry and Trade Centre, China,
- 5. Wawang Frogking Insecticide Aerosol 750mL (Rose) Aerosol Can (Spray) Wawang (Fujian) Daily Chemical Ind. Co. Ltd., China,
- 6. Sun Universe Frogking Insecticide Aerosol Lemon 750mL Aerosol Can (Spray) Wawang (Fujian) Daily Chemical Ind. Co. Ltd., China,









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7. Read a Dream Insecticide Spray 600mL Aerosol Can (Spray) Yuanlong (Fujian) Commodity Co. Ltd., Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, China,

8. Baolilai Aerosol Insecticide 750 ml. Aerosol Can (Spray) Huangzhu Huayi Aerosol

Co.Ltd-Huanzhou City-China, and

9. Big Bie Pai Aerosol Insecticide 750 ml. Aerosol Cam (Spray) Huangzhu Huayi Aerosol co.Ltd.-Huanzhou City,China

Moreover, the following unregistered toxic insecticides were also collected from the market:

1. Wawang Mosquito Coil (in Foreign Character, from unknown source,

2. BaoMa Black Mosquito Repellent Incense Coil, Fujian Jinjiang Benma Mosquito Repellent Incense Co., Ltd., China,

3. Juzhongwang Black Mosquito Repellent Coil, Juzhongwang, China,

4. Kingba Mini-Smoke Mosquito Repeller Coil, Kingba, China,

5. Tianshi Black Mosquito Repellent Incense Coil, HangZhou Aerosol Co. Ltd., China.

6. Read A Dream Black Mosquito Repellant Incense Coil, China,

7. Green Leaf Powder Cockroach Killing Bait 5g Powder (Sachet) Beijing Greenleaf Century Daily Use Chemical Co. Ltd., China,

and one (1) unregistered toxic insect repellant to be sprayed on the body and clothings, Natural Insect Repellant 50 ml Solution, which is distributed by Vitamin World Corp., Philippines.

The FDA Inspectorate are now taking regulatory actions to ensure that these products are removed from market outlets. The FDA is calling on the Bureau of Customs to remain vigilant in preventing the entry of toxic substances in the country. The FDA is also requesting the Local Government Units to ensure that these unregistered toxic insecticide products are confiscated, away from the reach of the consumers.

To check if a household products is registered with the FDA, please visit the FDA website (www.fda.gov.ph) and type the name of the product in the SEARCH bar found in the upper right hand corner.

For more information regarding the use of mosquito coils, kindly email the FDA via info@fda.gov.ph. To report unregistered products or any problem with the use of registered products, please email us via report@fda.gov.ph.

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