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FDA Advisory
No. 2013-053-A

SUBJECT: Update on FDA Advisory No. 2013-053 Re: Toxic Mercury-Laden Skin Whitening Cosmetic Products Without Notification that were Tested by the FDA

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Cosmetic Regulation and Research (CCRR) received seven (7) skin whitening cosmetic products without any market authorization issued by the FDA. The products were submitted by a non-government organization. The products were tested for mercury (Hg), and were confirmed to have mercury content beyond the 1 ppm limit set by the ASEAN Cosmetic Directives (ACD) as the acceptable limit.

The cosmetic products without FDA notification that were found to contain violative levels of mercury were as follows (please see picture of each product):

1. Feique Herbal Extract Chinese Herbal Formula Whitening Anti-Freckle Set Anti-Melanin Anti-Freckle Whitening (2 in 1)
2. JiaoliHuichusu Intensive Whitening Sunscreen and Spots Removing Set
3. Mifton
4. BG Ginseng & Ganoderma Lucidum Natural Essence
5. BG Sea Pearl & Papaya Natural Essence 6 Days Specific Eliminating Freckle Whitening Sun Block Cream
6. Jiaoli Herbs Essence Whitening AB Set
7. Golden Pearl Beauty Cream

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All consumers are advised to buy cosmetic products that have FDA market authorization, and to buy them only from legitimate outlets.

The FDA appeals to all mall owners' sense of corporate social responsibility to require their tenants to sell, offer for sale or use cosmetic products that are sourced from distributors and importers that have FDA License to Operate (LTO) and product Certificate of Notification.

All field Food and Drug Regulation Officers are hereby ordered to monitor, conduct inventory and seize all cosmetic products that have no FDA Certificate of Product Notification. All local government units are requested to ensure that cosmetic



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products that do not have market authorization are not sold or offered for sale or use by ambulant and sidewalk vendors. The Bureau of Customs is requested to remain vigilant to prevent the entry of unregistered and toxic health products in the country.

Consumers are encouraged to access the FDA website (<http://www.fda.gov.ph>) to check if a particular cosmetic product has FDA notification by simply typing the name of the product on the SEARCH bar. To report any adverse reactions from using a specific cosmetic product, please email us at report@fda.gov.ph. For more information and clarification, kindly email us at info@fda.gov.ph.

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