Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA ADVISORY
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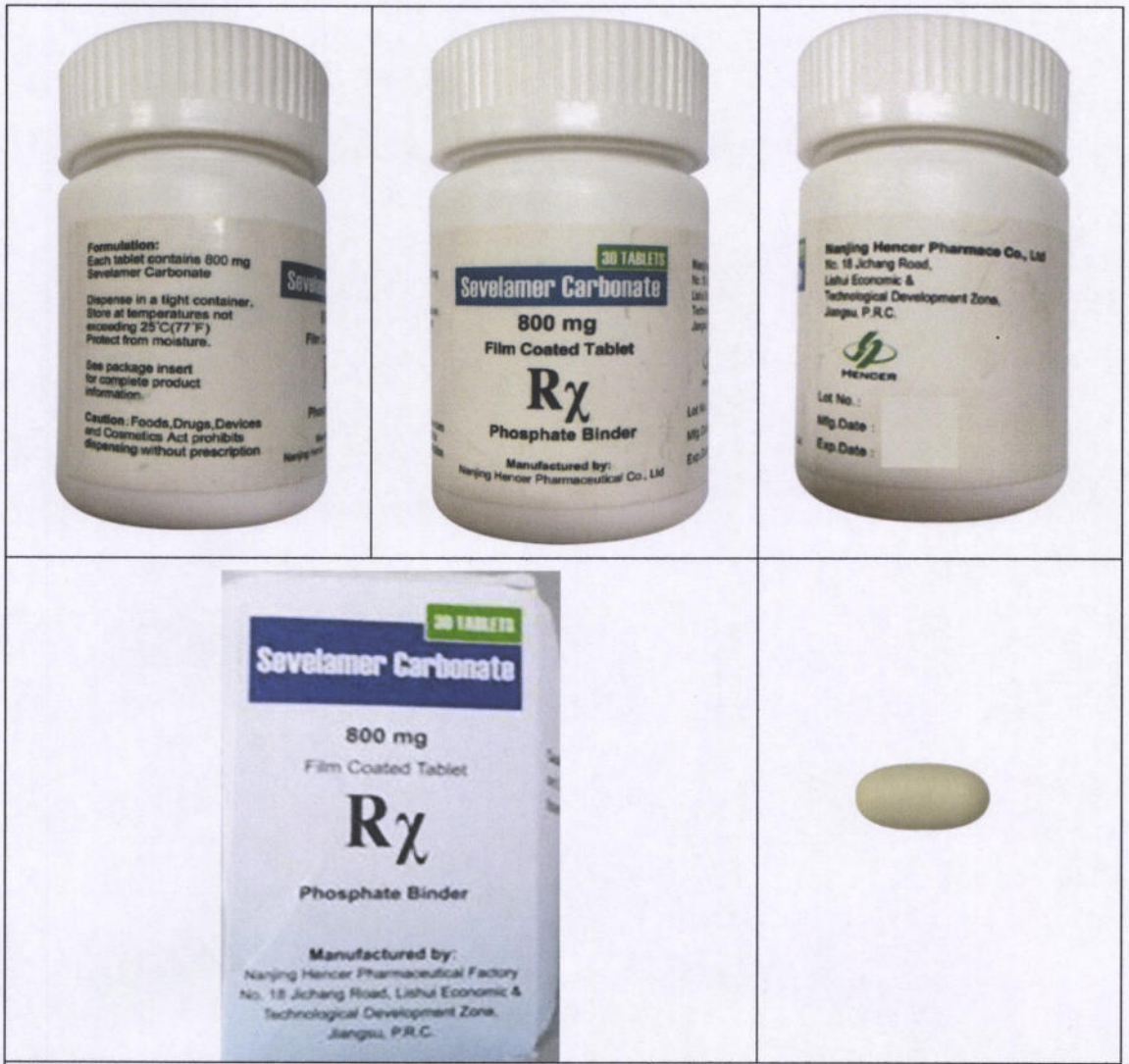
TO: **ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

SUBJECT: **Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered Sevelamer Carbonate 800 mg Film-coated Tablet Manufactured by Nanjing Hencer Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.- China or Nanjing Hencer Pharmaceutical Factory.- China**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the use of this unregistered drug product:



Sevelamer Carbonate 800 mg Film-coated Tablet
Manufactured by Nanjing Hencer Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.- China or Nanjing Hencer Pharmaceutical Factory.- China

Figure 1.Unregistered drug product

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All healthcare professionals and the general public are hereby warned of the abovementioned drug product. This poses potential danger or injury to the consuming public and the importation, selling or offering for sale of such is in direct violation of Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009.

In the interest of protecting public health and safety, the Officers of the Field Regulatory Operations Office (FROO) are hereby mandated to exercise their regulatory function pursuant to Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9711.

All establishments and outlets are hereby warned against selling and/or dispensing the above identified product. Anyone found selling the said product will be penalized.

Likewise, all local government units and law enforcement agencies are requested to ensure that this product is not sold or offered for sale in their localities or area of jurisdiction.

All consumers are advised to purchase their medications only from FDA-licensed establishments. Please note that, in addition to inspection of establishments, product evaluation, registration, and testing are measures that the government undertakes to ensure the quality, safety, and efficacy of health products. Please look for the FDA Registration number on the product label. Moreover, please be reminded that drug products registered with FDA Philippines bear in their labels information in English and/or in Filipino for all consumers to understand.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph. To report continuous sale or distribution of unregistered health products, kindly e-mail us via report@fda.gov.ph or you may call the telephone number (02)807-8275. For any suspected adverse drug reaction (ADR), report immediately to FDA through this link: www.fda.gov.ph/adr-report-new and fill out all the required fields.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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