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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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FDA ADVISORY
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TO : GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT : Reminders to the Public when Purchasing Sunscreen Products

Over the years, there has been a global increase in the number of confirmed cases of skin cancer attributed to its positive association with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation. UV radiation from the rays of the sun is a known carcinogen that causes mutations in the cellular DNA which accumulate over time and develops as cancer. Moreover, UV radiation also causes sunburn, premature skin aging, compromised immune system and eye damage. To combat the damaging effects of UV radiation in the body, safety measures are recommended to be practiced including the use of appropriate sunscreen products.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hereby advises the general public to be cautious and selective in choosing sunscreen products to use. In line with this advisory, FDA has prepared a consumer manual on sunscreen products which can be downloaded via the FDA website (www.fda.gov.ph). The manual provides the consumers key information and safety tips in order to protect themselves from unnecessary exposure to UV radiation.

Furthermore, the public is enjoined to assist FDA in monitoring the market for any suspicious activity or cosmetic product/s. For more information or inquiries, you may visit the FDA website, email us at info@fda.gov.ph or call us at (02)857-1984.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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