

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT

Public Health Warning against the Use of Guyabano

Juice with Unapproved Health Claims

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the use of a product labelled as **Guyabano Juice** with unapproved health claims such as "Natural cancer cell killer, 10, 000 times stronger than drug used in chemotherapy".







Figure 1. Images of Guyabano Juice with unapproved health claims.





Further, this product claims to have the following health benefits, which are **not duly approved by FDA**, as reflected on its label:



- Guyabano has cancer curing abilities
- Lower high blood pressure
- Keep bones healthy
- Rich in vitamin C, Vitamin B1, vitamin B and Potassium
- Boost good cholesterol level
- Help prevents anemia
- Help prevent migraine
- Prevent UTI
- Prevent leg cramps
- Prevent pregnancy complications

Figure 2. Product's health claims reflected on the label.

The public is hereby warned that the said product is **not registered** with this Office, including all the aforementioned claims. Taking food and/or food supplements that have not undergone evaluation and testing in terms of safety and quality may present harmful effects to one's health. Food products including food supplements should not bear any misleading, deceptive, and false claims in their labels and/or any promotional materials that will provide erroneous impression on products' character or identity.

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. 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.

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 numbers 857-1991 to 93.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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