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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO : GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT : Reminders to the Public when Purchasing and Using Mosquito Repellent Products

Mosquito is a family of winged-insects known to transmit some of the deadliest infectious diseases. They are known carriers of the dengue, zika and chikungunya viruses and malaria-causing plasmodium. According to the Department of Health (DOH) – Epidemiology Bureau (EB), fifty seven thousand twenty-six (57,026) dengue cases have already been reported from January to June 2016 with two-hundred forty-eight (248) resulting deaths which is almost thirty-six percent (36%) higher than the number of dengue cases from the same period last year. As the number of dengue cases and deaths in our country increases, it has become vital that the general public learn how to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

The DOH has started and continues to push its community advocacy programs aimed at eliminating disease-carrying mosquitoes including but not limited to “Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue” and “4S Campaign”. To supplement the different DOH campaigns directed at stopping the transmission of mosquito-borne diseases, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has prepared a consumer manual on mosquito repellent products that can be viewed and downloaded via the FDA website (www.fda.gov.ph). The manual provides the consumers key information and safety tips in the proper selection and use of mosquito repellent products as a way to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

For more information or inquiries on mosquito repellent products, you may visit the FDA website, email us at info@fda.gov.ph or call us at (02)857-1984. For more information on the different DOH campaigns against mosquitoes, visit the DOH website (www.doh.gov.ph).

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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