

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO:

**GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC** 

SUBJECT:

Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered

Household/Urban Pesticide Products (Batch 7)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of unregistered household/urban pesticide product with brand/product name **MIRACULOUS INSECTICIDE CHALK**.



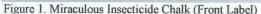




Figure 2. . Miraculous Insecticide Chalk (Back Label)

FDA post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned household/urban pesticide product has not gone through the registration process of the agency and has not been issued the proper marketing authorization (MA). Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization from FDA is prohibited.

Household/urban pesticide products, prior to being placed into the local market, must be duly registered with the FDA by a licensed household/urban pesticide distributor and/or manufacturer. However, if a household/urban pesticide product has not been evaluated by FDA as in the case of this unregistered product, the use of such products may pose potential health hazards to the consuming public. FDA cannot guarantee their quality, efficacy and safety. Such products are harmful, toxic and may pose imminent danger to human and animal health. The use of substandard and possibly adulterated household/urban pesticide products may result to adverse reactions including but not limited to skin irritation, itchiness, anaphylactic shock, respiratory disorders, endocrine complications, brain damage and organ failure.





In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative product. Moreover, the public is also advised to be vigilant against household/urban pesticide products that might not be duly registered with FDA. Always check if a household/urban pesticide product has been registered with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph.">www.fda.gov.ph.</a>

Consumers are further reminded to:

- Buy household/urban pesticide products from reputable stores or dealers;
- Read the label. Check that the household/urban pesticide product has FDA registration number indicated in the label.
- Never buy household/urban pesticides that do not have instructions written in Filipino or English. Strictly follow the instructions for use of the product.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative household/urban pesticide products until they have already been covered by the appropriate authorization, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:info@fda.gov.ph">info@fda.gov.ph</a>. To report continuous sale or distribution of the above unregistered household/urban pesticide products, utilize our online reporting facility, eReport, at <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph/ereport">www.fda.gov.ph/ereport</a>, or e-mail us via <a href="mailto:report@fda.gov.ph">report@fda.gov.ph</a>, or call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 857-1979 or (02) 857-1984.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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