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FDA ADVISORY  
No. **2017-122**

**TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC**

**SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Cosmetic Products Containing Banned Ingredient/s**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the following adulterated cosmetic products which tested positive for the presence of **ISOBUTYLPARABEN**, a banned ingredient in cosmetic (refer to the attached annex for the product particulars/details):

- 1. FOOT JOY FOOT SCRUB WITH COFFEE GRANULES AND COCOA BUTTER**
- 2. 25 SEVEN FEMINE WASH FROM BOTANICAL EXTRACTS**
- 3. YOKO FEMINE SOAP HERBAL SOAP**

Isobutylparaben is a chemical commonly used as a preservative in cosmetic products to inhibit or prevent microbial and fungal growth. However, its use along with four (4) other parabens (isopropylparaben, benzylparaben, phenylparaben and pentylparaben) in cosmetic products has been prohibited in the Philippines beginning 01 January 2016 through the issuance of FDA Circulars 2015-008 and 2015-014 as a product of the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Cosmetic Committee meeting last November 2014. The ban of the aforementioned parabens has been ordered due to insufficient safety data amidst the growing concern over their potential to disrupt the endocrine system of the body leading to long-term health effects. Accordingly, cosmetic products found to contain these identified ingredients poses potential health risks to the consuming public.

In light of the above, the public is strongly advised to take precautionary measures when buying cosmetic products. Consumers should always check if a cosmetic product contains any of the aforementioned banned ingredients and not to purchase it if it does. The full ingredient list of the cosmetic product is found in the "Ingredients" section of the label. Furthermore, the public is also advised to be vigilant against cosmetic products that might not be duly notified with FDA. Always check if a cosmetic product has been notified with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at [www.fda.gov.ph](http://www.fda.gov.ph).

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative cosmetic products, 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 [info@fda.gov.ph](mailto:info@fda.gov.ph). To report continuous sale or distribution of the aforementioned cosmetic products, utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at [www.fda.gov.ph/ereport](http://www.fda.gov.ph/ereport), or e-mail us via [report@fda.gov.ph](mailto:report@fda.gov.ph), 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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**ANNEX**  
Details on the Unnotified Cosmetic Products

<b>PRODUCT NAME</b>	<b>PRODUCT DETAILS</b>	<b>PRODUCT IMAGE/S</b>
<p><b>1 FOOT JOY FOOT SCRUB WITH COFFEE GRANULES AND COCOA BUTTER</b></p>	<p>Manufactured by: IPI</p> <p>Manufacturer's Address: Golam Drive, Pope John Paul II Avenue Kasambagan, Cebu City</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Beautiful Horizon Incorporated</p> <p>Address: Golam Drive, Pope John Paul II Avenue Kasambagan, Cebu City</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: CNL02</p>	
<p><b>2 25 SEVEN FEMININE WASH FROM BOTANICAL EXTRACTS</b></p>	<p>Manufactured by: IPI</p> <p>Manufacturer's Address: Golam Drive, Pope John Paul II Avenue Kasambagan, Cebu City</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Beautiful Horizon Incorporated</p> <p>Address: Golam Drive, Pope John Paul II Avenue Kasambagan, Cebu City</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Not Indicated</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: CN617</p>	
<p><b>3 YOKO FEMININE SOAP HERBAL SOAP</b></p>	<p>Manufactured by: Siam Yoko Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Manufacturer's Address: 340 Moo 4 Sol Sriboonrueng 1, Tepharak Road, Tumbon Tepharak, Aumphour Muang, Samutprakam 10270 Thailand</p> <p>Local Company Responsible for Placing the Product in the Market: Not Indicated</p> <p>Address: Not Indicated</p> <p>Country of Manufacture: Thailand</p> <p>Lot/Batch Number: Not Indicated</p>	