

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO:

GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

Public Health Warning Against Unlicensed Establishments

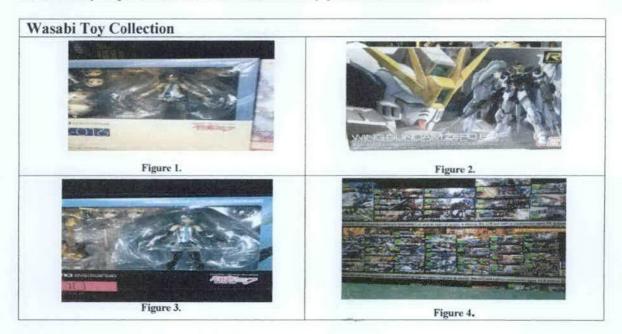
Distributing Unnotified Toy Products

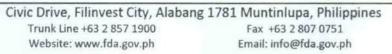
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against purchasing toy products from the following toy establishments including their online stores which have not been issued the appropriate authorization/license:

Name of Establishment:	Branch Address:	Website:
Wasabi Toy Collection	S3073-S3074 Blue Lane 3 rd Flr. Shoppesville Greenhills, San Juan	www.wasabitoys.com
GTOYS Marketing	75 Blue Lane 3 rd Flr. Shoppesville, Greenhills, San Juan	www.greattoysonline.com
Coldfire Toyzone	U-07 Upper Level, 3 rd Flr. Shoppesville Plus Greenhills Shopping Center, Greenhills, San Juan	none

This warning is issued in view of the potential health hazards that may result to children when playing with the toy products purchased from these establishments. Because these companies are not licensed by the FDA and all toy products imported they import have not gone through the verification process of FDA, thus, cannot be guaranteed to be safe for use.

The FDA has already issued a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) on 28 November 2014 which has been served last 20 January 2015. However, these establishments remain defiant and continuously imports/distribute the unnotified toy products, as shown below:











In light of the above, the public is advised <u>not to purchase unnotified toy products from</u> the aforesaid unlicensed establishments. Always check if a product has been notified with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at <u>www.fda.gov.ph</u>. Furthermore, consumers/parents are enjoined to observe the following safety reminders to ensure the kids' safety when playing with toy products:

- Be sure to read the labels indicated on toys. Be aware of safety recommendations. Check the label for the name and address of the company responsible placing the product in the market, License to Operate number issued by FDA, example: LTO-3000000123456, age grading and, warning or cautionary statements.
- 2. Ensure that the child's toys are suited for his/her age. Supervise the children as they play:
- 3. Do not give toys with small parts to children under the age of 3 years, as children have a tendency to put toys in their mouths;
- 4. Always buy toys from reputable retailers/ outlets and;
- Examine toys for breakage to avoid injury or other risks to the health and safety of the children.

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. To report continuous sale or distribution of unnotified toy products, kindly e-mail us via report@fda.gov.ph, call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 857-1984 /857-1979.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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