

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



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TO:

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS,

VETERINARIANS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT:

Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the Unregistered Veterinary Drug Product "Tolfenamic Acid (Tongwet) 40 mg per ml. Sterile Solution for Injection

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(IM/SC)"

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the unregistered veterinary drug product:



Tolfenamic Acid (Tonavet) 40 mg per mL Sterile Solution for Injection (IM/SC) Manufactured by Vemedim – 07, April 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ninj Kieu Dist, Can Tho City, Vietnam

Imported by Nutrivet Pharma, Inc. – Room 209A Quadstar Bldg., 80 Ortigas Ave., Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines

Distributed by Vetremedica Corporation – Suite 4A 8101 Pearl Plaza, Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Figure 1. Unregistered veterinary drug product



Food and Drug Administration (FDA) post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned veterinary drug product has not gone through the registration process of the agency and has not been issued with proper authorization in the form of Certificate of Product Registration.

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, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without proper authorization from FDA is prohibited.

Accordingly, since this unregistered veterinary drug product has not gone through evaluation and testing process of the FDA, the agency cannot guarantee its quality and safety. The consumption of such violative product may pose potential danger or injury if administered to animals.

In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative product and to be vigilant against veterinary drug products that might not be duly registered with the FDA. Always check if a drug product has been registered with the 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>. You may also look for the FDA Registration number on the product label.

All concerned establishments and/or entities are warned not to distribute the aboveidentified violative veterinary drug product until it has 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 this product is 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 unregistered health products, kindly e-mail us via <a href="mailto:report@fda.gov.ph">report@fda.gov.ph</a>, or through the online reporting facility, eReport, at <a href="mailto:www.fda.gov.ph/ereport">www.fda.gov.ph/ereport</a>. You may also call the Center for Drug Regulation and Research at telephone number (02)809-5596. For any suspected adverse drug reaction (ADR), report immediately to FDA through this link: <a href="www.fda.gov.ph/adr-report-new">www.fda.gov.ph/adr-report-new</a> and fill out all the required fields.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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