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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the following Unregistered Food Products and Food Supplements:

- 1. HEALTH AND NATURALS GLUTAL C W/ GRAPE SEED VEGGIE CAPSULE FOOD SUPPLEMENT**
- 2. NATURAL PRODUCT SPIRULINA**
- 3. SWANSON PREMIUM BRAND ZINC (CITRATE) MINERAL SUPPLEMENT**
- 4. GLUCO PLUS 50 GLUCOSE CONCENTRATED DRINK, ORANGE FLAVOR**
- 5. GLUCO PLUS 100 GLUCOSE CONCENTRATED DRINK, COLA FLAVOR**
- 6. HI-VITAL (ALPHA LIPOLIC ACID, VITAMINS & MINERALS) CAPSULE**
- 7. SUPER COLON CLEANSE PSYLLIUM SUPPLEMENT WITH HERBS**
- 8. HEALTH BALANCE EVENING PRIMROSE OIL, SOFTGEL**
- 9. MCA TONGKAT ALI FOOD SUPPLEMENT**
- 10. BIOGROUP BIOSTEOCAL FOOD SUPPLEMENT**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and consumption of the following unregistered food products and food supplements

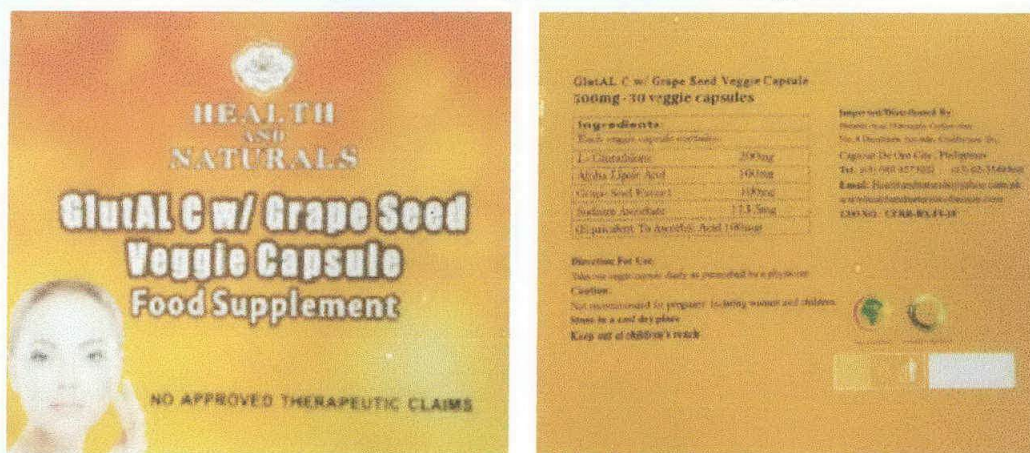


Figure 1. Unregistered Health and Naturals GlutAL C w/ Grape Seed Veggie Capsules Food Supplement





Figure 2. Unregistered Natural Product Spirulina



Figure 3. Unregistered SWANSON Premium Brand Zinc (Citrate) Mineral Supplement



Figure 4. Unregistered GLUCO PLUS 50 Glucose Concentrated Drink, Orange Flavor



Figure 5. Unregistered GLUCO PLUS 100 Glucose Concentrated Drink, Cola Flavor

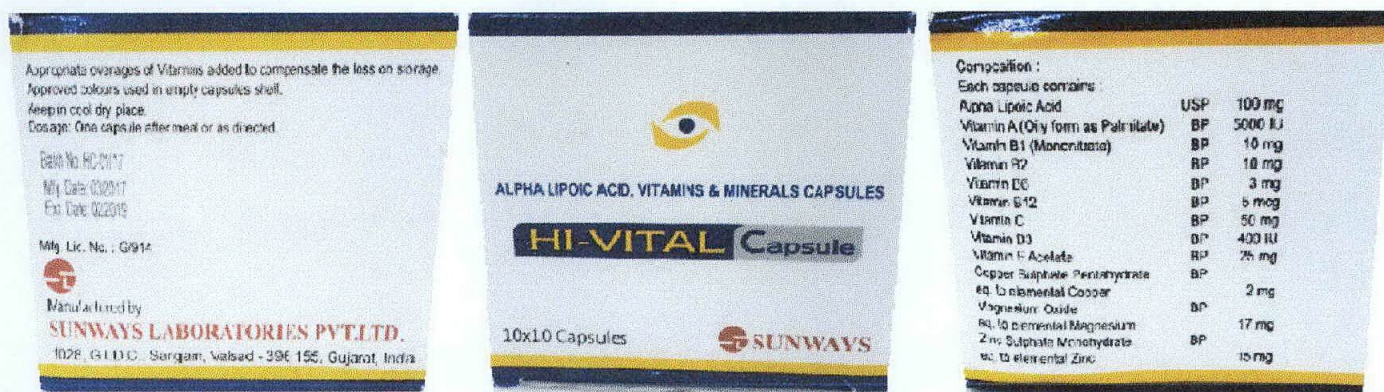


Figure 6. Unregistered HI-VITAL (Alpha Lipolic Acid, Vitamins & Minerals) Capsule



Figure 7. Unregistered Super Colon Cleanse Psyllium Supplement with Herbs



Figure 8. Unregistered Health Balance Evening Primrose Oil



Figure 9. Unregistered MCA Tongkat Ali Dietary Food Supplement



Figure 10. Unregistered Biogroup BIOSTEOCAL Food Supplement

FDA post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned food products and food supplements have not gone through the registration process of the agency and have not been issued the 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, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization from FDA is prohibited.

Accordingly, since unregistered food products and food supplements have not gone through evaluation and testing process of the FDA, the agency cannot guarantee their quality and safety. The consumption of such violative products may pose potential health hazard to the consuming public. Food products including food supplements should not bear any misleading, deceptive, and false claims in their labels and/or any promotional materials that will provide erroneous impression on products' character or identity.

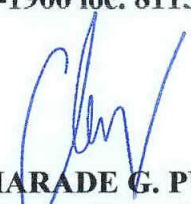
In light of the above, the public is advised not to purchase the aforementioned violative products. Moreover, the public is advised to be vigilant against food products that might not be duly registered with FDA. Always check if a food product has been registered with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at www.fda.gov.ph.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative food supplements until they have already been covered by the appropriate authorization (product registration), 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. To report continuous sale or distribution of the above unregistered food supplement, utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport, or e-mail us via report@fda.gov.ph, or call us at the Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) hotline (02) 857-1900 loc. 8115 and 8112.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.



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