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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Warning Against Circulating “Unverified, Misleading and False Information” in Social Media and Text Messages Concerning Canned Food Products from Thailand

In the interest of truthfulness and consumer rights protection, the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (PhilFDA) would like to inform the public to be wary of the following circulating **UNVERIFIED, MISLEADING** and **FALSE INFORMATION** online and text messages concerning canned food products from Thailand allegedly not safe for consumption due to contamination with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV):

Emergency NewsRadio 1 FM announced that Thai govt confirmed:Emergency notification: Do NOT eat canned food especially those canned fruits manufactured in thailand . There were 200 over HIV carriers instructed by their leader to contaminate the products of the canned food factory with their blood.The information was confirmed by the government this morning. In order not to let the people get infected after eating, many types of canned food such as longgan, lychee, rambutan and mango pudding had been removed from the shelves of supermarkets. Please send to people you care. Prevention is better than cure! Please don't take canned food from Thailand. Pls take notelt Please forward to anyone sharing is caring!!

The PhilFDA in coordination with the Thai Department of Agriculture would like to inform the public that the aforesaid message is **MISLEADING** and with no credible evidences to support such accusation.



The public is hereby directed to **PREVENT SHARING** of **UNVERIFIED, MISLEADING** and **FALSE INFORMATION** to avoid undue panic and hysteria.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.



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