



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against Unregistered Food Supplements with their Unapproved and Misleading Advertisements and Promotion on Their Products:

1. GLUTATHIONE GRAPE SEED COLLAGEN, VIT C, VIT E FOOD SUPPLEMENT
2. COLLAGEN PROTEIN SOFTGELS FOOD SUPPLEMENT

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns the public against **unregistered food supplements** with therapeutic claims on their brochure:

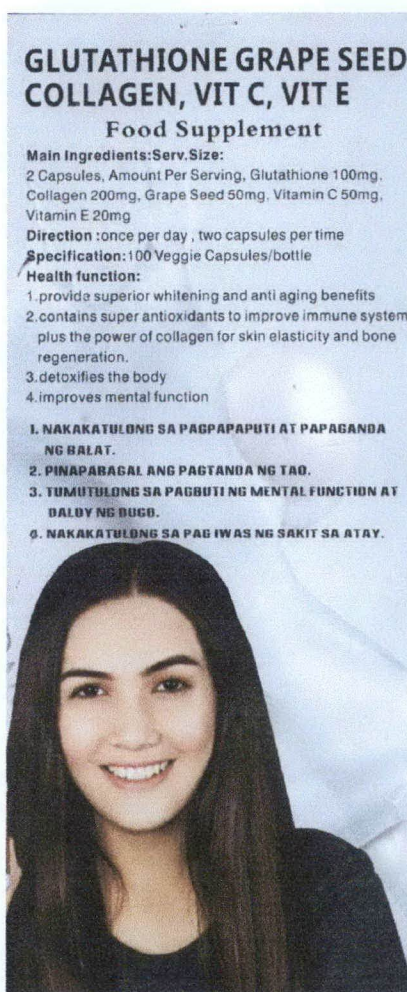


Figure 1. Sample Brochure of Unregistered Glutathione Grape Seed Collagen, Vit C, Vit E Food Supplement with Therapeutic Claims



**COLLAGEN PROTEIN
SOFTGELS**

Food Supplement

Ingredients: collagen protein powder

Specification: 500mg*100 Softgels/bottle

Directions: one time daily, take 2 softgels per time

Health Function:

1. helps increase skin elasticity and moisture retention, reduce wrinkles
2. improves and strengthen muscle tone and joint flexibility
3. helps prevent arthritis
4. delays aging

Availability:
People who want to make looking good

Nutrition matches:

1. collagen protein capsule + vitamin c tablet, sheep placenta capsule: more effective in beauty
2. collagen protein capsule + calcium tablet: to strengthen skeleton.

1. PARA MAIWASAN ANG PAGSIRA NG "CARTILAGE"
2. PAMPAGANDA NG KUTIS AT PINAPALIIT ANG "PORES" O BUTAS NG BALAT
3. NATURAL NA "MOISTURIZER"
4. PARA SA MALUSOG AT MAKINTAB NA BUHOK
5. PINAPABAGAL ANG PAGTANDA

Nutrition Facts
 Serving Size: 1 Softgel
 Servings Per Container: 100
 Amount Per Serving % RDI

Calories	0	**
Calories From Fat	2	**
Total Fat	<1g	1%
Trans Fat	0g	
Protein	<1g	1%

*Percent Daily Values are based on 2,000 calorie diet
 **Daily Value Not established

Figure 2. Sample Brochure of Unregistered Collagen Protein Softgels Food Supplement with Therapeutic Claims

The public is hereby warned that food supplements being advertised by VITAHWAY are not registered with the FDA. 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**.

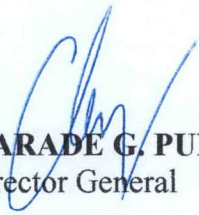
Likewise, all claims advertised by the said establishment are false, deceptive, and misleading. As per Administrative Order 2010-0008, no person shall advertise, promote, or use in any sponsorship any food/dietary supplements unless such product is duly registered and approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Accordingly, since unregistered 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 hazards 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.

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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