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FDA ADVISORY

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TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the Verified Counterfeit Food Supplement CAPSINESIS *Capsicum annum* Dietary Supplement Capsule

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and consumption of the following verified counterfeit food supplement **CAPSINESIS *Capsicum annum* Dietary Supplement Capsule**:



Figure 1. Verified counterfeit CAPSINESIS *Capsicum annum* Dietary Supplement Capsule



The FDA and the Market Authorization Holder (MAH), Numan Food Supplement Corporation, have verified that the abovementioned sample food supplement is counterfeit. The comparisons of the authentic and the counterfeit samples are as follows:

AUTHENTIC	COUNTERFEIT
Lot No., Manufacturing Date and Expiry Date Printing	
<p>AUTHENTIC Detail of Lot No., MD & ED</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger font size and lighter font style • Imprinted, lightly embossed text using manual coding machine 	<p>COUNTERFEIT Detail of Lot No., MD & ED</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller font size and bolder font style • Appears to have been made using computerized rubber stamp
Shrinkable Plastic Wrap	
<p>AUTHENTIC Top</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed or sealed at the top 	<p>COUNTERFEIT Top</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open at the top

The general public is hereby warned as to the availability of this counterfeit food supplement in the market which poses potential quality and safety issues as these have not gone through evaluation and testing process of the FDA.

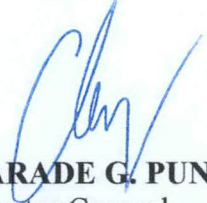
Likewise, all concerned establishments are hereby warned against selling of this verified counterfeit food supplement with the abovementioned features. The importation, selling or offering for sale of such is in direct violation of Republic Act No. 9711, or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009, and Republic Act No. 10611, or the Food Safety Act of 2013.

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 info@fda.gov.ph. To report continuous sale or distribution of the above unregistered food supplements, 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** locals **8112 or 8115**.

For further clarifications on the abovementioned food supplement, you can also contact the Market Authorization Holder (MAH), **Numan Food Supplement Corporation**, through **(02) 570-1155**.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.



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