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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Counterfeit Household/Urban Pesticide Products (Batch 2)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the following counterfeit household/urban pesticide products as reported and confirmed by the Market Authorization Holder (MAH) Philusa Corporation – 28 Shaw Boulevard, Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City:

1. ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS (OFF-WHITE)

AUTHENTIC	COUNTERFEIT
Actual product differences	
Bigger balls	Smaller balls
Opaque white color	Off-white color
Label differences	
Color of label background is a bright, solid yellow	Color of label background is a translucent off-yellow
Presence of ® sign	Absence of ® sign
Presence of Batch Number	Absence of Batch Number
Labeling information is solidly printed	Labeling information is not solidly printed
Labeling information is correct and without typographical errors	Labeling information has typographical errors

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AUTHENTIC	COUNTERFEIT
 The authentic packaging is a clear plastic bag filled with white mothballs. It features a yellow label with a barcode and the number 4 800067 601020. The label also contains text in English and Filipino, including a 'Use' statement and manufacturer information for Honeycomb Industries and Telstar Manufacturing Corporation.	 The counterfeit packaging is a clear plastic bag filled with white mothballs. It features a yellow label with a barcode and the number 4 800067 601020. The label also contains text in English and Filipino, but it lacks the 'Use' statement and has different manufacturer information.
Packaging difference	
Presence of "Use" statement	Absence of "Use" statement
Smaller due to the intact packaging	Bigger due to more space and less intact packaging

2. ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS (COLORED)

AUTHENTIC	COUNTERFEIT
 The authentic packaging is a yellow bag with a circular window showing white mothballs. It features the Albatross logo and the text 'ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS 175g'. The bag also includes a caution statement and the manufacturer's name, Telstar Manufacturing Corporation.	 The counterfeit packaging is a yellow bag with a circular window showing colored mothballs. It features the Albatross logo and the text 'ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS 175g'. The bag also includes a caution statement and the manufacturer's name, Telstar Manufacturing Corporation.
Actual product differences	
Bigger balls	Smaller balls
Opaque white color	Variety of colors

AUTHENTIC	COUNTERFEIT
 <p>The authentic packaging is a yellow, rectangular bag with a scalloped border. It features the word "ORIGINAL" at the top, a "CAUTION KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN" warning, the brand name "ALBATROSS" in a large, stylized font, and a circular window showing white mothballs. Below the window, it says "MOTHBALLS 175g 150g net". The bottom of the bag lists the ingredient as Naphthalene and includes the number 15847.</p>	 <p>The counterfeit packaging is a translucent, off-yellow bag with a similar shape. It has the word "FAKE" at the top, a "CAUTION KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN" warning, the brand name "ALBATROSS" in a stylized font, and a circular window showing multi-colored (green, yellow, pink) mothballs. Below the window, it says "MOTHBALLS 175g". The bottom of the bag has some illegible text.</p>
Label differences	
Color of label background is a bright, solid yellow	Color of label background is a translucent off-yellow
Presence of ® sign	Absence of ® sign
Presence of Batch Number	Absence of Batch Number
Labeling information is solidly printed	Labeling information is not solidly printed
Labeling information is correct and without typographical errors	Labeling information has typographical errors
 <p>The back of the authentic packaging shows a barcode with the number 4 800067 601020. Below the barcode, it says "Manufactured by: Honeycomb Industries, 23 Malabar St., Bldg. 1, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago". It also mentions "Repackaged by: TELSTAR Manufacturing Corporation, 1000 South 10th Ave., La Grange, IL 60138, U.S.A." and "For PHILSA".</p>	 <p>The back of the counterfeit packaging shows a barcode with the number 4 800067 601020. Below the barcode, it says "Manufactured by: Honeycomb Industries, 23 Malabar St., Bldg. 1, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago". It also mentions "Repackaged by: TELSTAR Manufacturing Corporation, 1000 South 10th Ave., La Grange, IL 60138, U.S.A." and "For PHILSA".</p>
Packaging difference	
Presence of "Use" statement	Absence of "Use" statement
Smaller due to the intact packaging	Bigger due to more space and less intact packaging

Counterfeit products, not having gone through the required safety assessment and the registration or verification process of the FDA, pose potential health hazards to the consuming public since their safety and purity cannot be guaranteed. The use of substandard and possibly adulterated household/urban pesticide products may result to adverse reactions including but not limited to skin irritation, itchiness, anaphylactic shock, respiratory disorders, endocrine complications, brain damage and organ failure.

In light of the above, the public is advised to be vigilant against buying and using the aforementioned counterfeit household/urban pesticide products. Moreover, the public is also advised to be vigilant against household/urban pesticide products that might not be duly registered with FDA. Always check if a household/urban pesticide 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 household/urban pesticide product, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that the counterfeit products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

To report any suspicious and/or illegal activity involving the said product, the public may contact FDA through its online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport, or e-mail us at report@fda.gov.ph, or call the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline **(02) 857-1979 or (02) 857-1984**.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested


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