

# Republic of the Philippines Department of Health FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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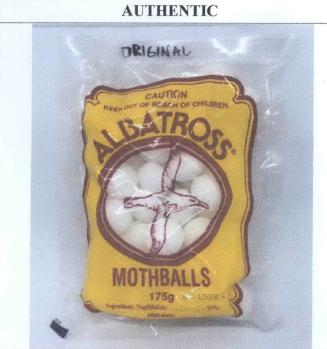
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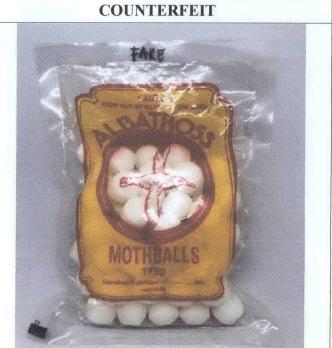
Public Health Warning Against the Use of Counterfeit

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:

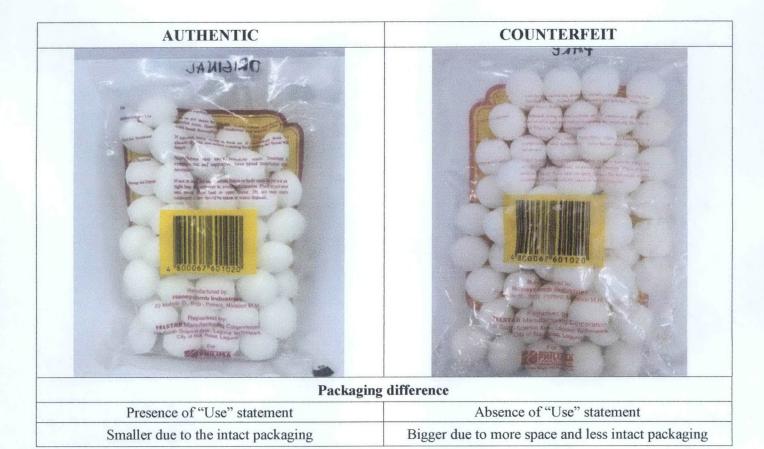
#### 1. ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS (OFF-WHITE)





Actual product differences		
Bigger balls	Smaller balls	
Opaque white color	Off-white color	
Label d	ifferences	
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	





## 2. ALBATROSS MOTHBALLS (COLORED)



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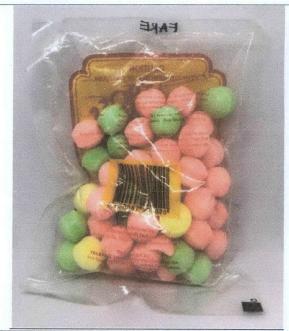
### COUNTERFEIT



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#### Packaging difference

Presence of "Use" statem	ent Absence of "Use" statement
Smaller due to the intact pack	kaging 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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