



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



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**TO: GENERAL CONSUMING PUBLIC**

**SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unnotified Cosmetic Products Found to Contain Toxic Mercury (Hg) Levels (Batch 7)**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the cosmetic product **S'ZITANG 10 DAYS ELIMINATING FRECKLE DAY & NIGHT SET** which tested and found to contain toxic mercury (Hg) levels beyond the 1 ppm (parts per million) limit set by the FDA, and as published in the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (refer to the image below for the product particulars/details):

**PRODUCT DETAILS**

**Manufactured by:**  
Not Indicated

**Manufacturer's Address:**  
Not Indicated

**Local Company Responsible for  
Placing the Product in the Market:**  
Not Indicated

**Address:**  
Not Indicated

**Country of Manufacture:**  
Not Indicated

**Lot Number: Not Indicated**  
**Manufacture/Expiry Date: Not  
Indicated**

**PRODUCT IMAGE/S**



FDA post-marketing surveillance (PMS) activities have verified that the abovementioned cosmetic product have not gone through the verification process of the agency and have not been issued the proper authorization in the form of acknowledged cosmetic notifications. 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.

Mercury salts in cosmetic products inhibits the formation of skin melanin which will result to lighter skin tone. Adverse health effects brought about by highly toxic mercury in

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cosmetics products include kidney damage, skin rashes, skin discoloration and scarring. Chronic use reduces the skin's normal resistance against bacterial and fungal infections. Other effects include anxiety, depression or psychosis and peripheral neuropathy. The transfer of mercury to fetuses of pregnant women may manifest as neurodevelopment deficits later in life.

The public is also advised to be vigilant against cosmetic products that might not be duly notified with FDA. Always check if a cosmetic product has been notified with FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded *Search* feature of the FDA website accessible at [www.fda.gov.ph](http://www.fda.gov.ph).

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute the above-identified violative cosmetic products, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are 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](mailto:info@fda.gov.ph). To report continuous sale or distribution of the above violative cosmetic products, utilize our online reporting facility, **eReport**, at [www.fda.gov.ph/ereport](http://www.fda.gov.ph/ereport), or e-mail us via [report@fda.gov.ph](mailto:report@fda.gov.ph), or call us at the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) hotline (02) 857-1900 local 8113 or 8107.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.



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