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Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY
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TO: RETAIL OUTLETS, OTHER DEALERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public warning on the sale/consumption of alcoholic beverage, Lambanog, that are not registered with the Food and Drug Administration

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) received information that multiple deaths have occurred purportedly resulting from the consumption of the alcoholic beverage, Lambanog.

The FDA, in coordination with the Department of Health – Epidemiology Bureau, and the concerned local government units, immediately secured samples of these products for product verification and laboratory analysis, and have confirmed that they are NOT registered, and contain high levels of the substance “Methanol”.

Products that are not registered with the FDA pose potential health hazards to the consuming public since they have not gone through the agency’s evaluation and testing. Thus, the FDA cannot guarantee their quality and safety.

Ingestion of products with high amounts of Methanol poses serious adverse effects like blindness and permanent neurologic dysfunction, among others, and may even lead to death.


The public is advised to exercise extreme caution in purchasing/consuming the alcoholic beverage, Lambanog, and is advised to only purchase/consume those which are registered with the FDA.

Retail outlets, and other dealers of alcoholic beverages, are warned against the sale of unregistered products, under the pain of being prosecuted for violation of the FDA Act of 2009, the Food Safety Act of 2013, and other relevant laws, rules and regulation.

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 or call us at FDA Action Center hotline (02) 821-1162, or the Center for Food Regulation & Research at (02) 857-1900. To report the sale or distribution of the alcoholic product, Lambanog, that are not registered with the FDA, kindly email us via report@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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