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**Subject: Partial List of Locally Available Soy Sauce Products that Conform with Safety Standards Set by the DOH-FDA on 3 Monochloropropene-1,2-diol (3-MCPD)**

3-Monochloropropene-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) is by-product of the of soy sauce manufacturing which uses hydrolyzed vegetable protein as an ingredient. During the 1990s, it was shown by animal studies to cause cancer in animals and these studies served as the basis for setting allowable limits in food products. As a precautionary approach, countries adopted standards on safe levels and in 2002 the BFAD set a standard of 1 ppm as the maximum allowable limit for soy sauce products which is also the standard adopted by the US FDA.

To ascertain the safety and provide assurance to the public that soy sauce products available in the Philippine market conform with regulatory standards set by the DOH-FDA for 3-MCPD, the DOH-FDA recently conducted an intensive post-market monitoring on all marketed soy sauce products. Below is the partial list of completed test results and forthcoming results will be included in subsequent advisories:

	COMPANY NAME	BRAND NAME/S
1	DENS FOOD PRODUCT	New Beans Soy Sauce
2	NUTRI ASIA, INC.	Datu Puti
3	PIÑAKAMASARAP CORPORATION	Marca Piña, Toyomansi, Marca Piña Soy Sauce, Marca Piña Calamansi Soy Sauce
4	SHOYU FOOD CORPORATION	Mang Kiko
5	SILVER SWAN MANUFACTURING CO.	(1) Golden Swan Soy Sauce (2) Silver Swan Soy Sauce
6	SYSU INTERNATIONAL, INC.	(1) Kikkoman Naturally Brewed Less Salt Soy Sauce (2) Lee Kum Kee Soy Sauce
7	TENTAY FOOD SAUCES, INC.	(1) Tentay Pinoy Style Soy Sauce (2) Tentay Soy Sauce
8	VE TING MANUFACTURING CORPORATION	Marca Lapu-lapu
9	RISING RED DRAGON IMPORT EXPORT CORP.	Zheng Feng Mushroom Dark Soy Sauce, Superior Light Soy Sauce
10	MARIGOLD COMMODITIES CORP.	Mama Sita's Premium Soy Sauce

Currently, local manufacturers of soy sauce products are required to submit a Certificate of Analysis showing compliance with safety requirements before they are issued the License to Operate (LTO). Likewise, all imported products must comply with safety standards before the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) can be issued.

To ensure that only safe soy sauce products of proven quality reach consumers, the DOH-FDA reiterates its call to retailers to refrain from selling unlabeled soy sauce products and encourages consumers to purchase products in their original containers. All distributors, manufacturers and traders are enjoined to register all local and imported soy sauce products for marketing in the Philippines as mandated by RA 9711.

In the interest of public health, the DOH-FDA vigilantly monitors the safety of food products in the country.

  
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