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FDA Advisory  
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**SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered Food Supplement SEHAT BADAN**



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises all consumers to stop using unregistered SEHAT BADAN- a food supplement being sold online and peddled by street vendors in Cagayan de Oro City, among other places in the country.

The FDA was alerted by a consumer who reported through the FDA facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FDAPhilippines>). The report prompted the Field Regulatory Officers in concerned regions to conduct product monitoring and to collect samples.

Initial evaluation of the product showed that the label has no English translation, hence, in violation of A.O. 88-B s. 1984 or The Rules and Regulations Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged Food

Products Distributed in the Philippines which provides "that in case of imported food products wherein the label information are declared in foreign language, the label must also carry the corresponding English translation, otherwise such products shall not be permitted for local distribution." Products marketed as food supplement without English translation pose harm to the consumers since consumers will have no better understanding of the true nature of the health product they purchased. These products definitely did not pass the FDA standard of safety and quality, therefore, public health is at stake.

As advertised online SEHAT BADAN is an herbal drink that "promotes and enhance general well-being and treat various diseases" such as asthma, urinary stones, allergy, impotence, rheumatism, toothache and ulcer. These claims are not approved by the FDA as the subject product is not registered with this Office.



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All field Food and Drug Regulation Officers are ordered to confiscate all unregistered food supplements, particularly SEHAT BADAN found in the market or in possession of individuals. All local government units and law enforcement agencies are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or offered for sale in their localities or area of jurisdiction.

To check if a product is registered with the FDA, please log in at [www.fda.gov.ph](http://www.fda.gov.ph) and type in the name of the product in the Search bar. To report any unregistered health product, please email us via [report@fda.gov.ph](mailto:report@fda.gov.ph).

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