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SUBJECT: Unnotified and Unlabeled Soap Bars Being Offered for Use in a Golf Club in Cavite

In December 2013, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found a white unlabeled bar soap being offered to clients for used in a golf club in Cavite.

The FDA requires all cosmetic products, including soap bars, to comply with the notification and labeling requirements as per ASEAN Cosmetic Directives (ACD), which was adopted by the FDA. The FDA has instituted an on-line process for the Certificate of Notification application and approval for this purpose.

The ACD notification scheme is a regulatory requirement to determine if there are any banned or unapproved ingredients that are used by manufacturers in preparing soap bars, among other toiletries and cosmetics. There are thousands of ingredients already deemed hazardous and banned for use in cosmetic products, because their irritating, toxic, allergenic, or carcinogenic properties.

The ACD and its annexes contain the list of ingredients that are allowed for use in cosmetic products and toiletries, as well as the standards to be followed when labelling them.

Under the provisions of the Republic Act 9711 otherwise known as the FDA Act of 2009, the sale importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, promotion, or advertisement of adulterated, unregistered or misbranded health product is prohibited.

Golf clubs as well as spas, beauty salons, resorts, beauty and massage clinics, and other public and private facilities should offer to their clients only FDA-notified toiletries and cosmetic products.

Appropriate legal action shall be taken on manufacturers and distributors that are not compliant with the FDA requirements. Manufacturers and distributors of cosmetic products and toiletries should secure a valid License to Operate first before applying for the Certificate of Notification from the FDA Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research.





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The FDA inspectorate is now conducting investigation to verify the source of the soap bar.

All notified cosmetic products and toiletries are listed at the FDA website www.fda.gov.ph and consumers are encouraged to report products that are not notified with the FDA at report@fda.gov.ph. For more information, please email us at info@fda.gov.ph.


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