



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



**FDA ADVISORY**

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**TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**SUBJECT : UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE DOH AND FDA LOGO IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF A HEALTH PRODUCT**

Our office received a report that a certain “Public Health Recommendation” with an unauthorized use of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) logo was posted on a social media platform. It claims that the agency supports and recommends the use of a certain health product.

We would like to remind the general public that **the FDA does not and shall not advocate the use of any specific brand of health product.** The agency exercises its mandate to safeguard public health through the issuance of a License to Operate and Certificate of Product Registration/Notification to establishments and health products that are compliant with FDA’s regulatory policies.

Likewise, we would like to **warn all persons or entities that the unauthorized use of the FDA’s name, logo or stamp shall be a ground for filing appropriate administrative charges and/or imposition of administrative sanctions**, without prejudice to the criminal liability under Article 179 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, which states that:

*“Art. 179. Illegal use of uniform or insignia. The penalty of prison mayor in its minimum period shall be imposed upon any person who shall **publicly and improperly make use of insignia**, uniforms or dress pertaining to an office not held such person or to class or persons of which he is not a member.”*

We encourage all consumers to be vigilant in purchasing and using health products by verifying if it is registered or notified with the FDA through the FDA Verification Portal (<https://verification.fda.gov.ph/>). Violative health products and non-compliant establishments may be reported to the FDA via email [info@fda.gov.ph](mailto:info@fda.gov.ph) for the appropriate action of the agency.

  
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