



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



FDA ADVISORY

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TO: ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Consumption of the Unregistered Food Supplement "(UNBRANDED) Malunggay with Mangosteen also known as Xanthone Plus (No Approved Therapeutic Claim)"

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns all healthcare professionals and the general public **NOT TO PURCHASE AND CONSUME** the unregistered food supplement:

The screenshot shows a product listing on the Shopee platform. The product is 'MALUNGGAY WITH MANGOSTEEN HERBAL CAPSULE' by 'mainstore.ph'. The price is listed as P130. The product has a 4.9-star rating from 149 reviews and 737 units sold. Shipping information indicates a discount for orders over P249 and a shipping fee of P0-P38 to Binondo, Metro Manila. The quantity available is 4235 pieces. The seller's profile shows they are active 11 minutes ago, have 113 products, and a response time within hours. The product description lists health benefits such as boosting the immune system, reducing wrinkles, and having anti-cholesterol and anti-bacterial properties. A 'Shopee Guarantee' badge is also visible.

Figure 1. Unregistered (UNBRANDED) Malunggay with Mangosteen also known as Xanthone Plus (No Approved Therapeutic Claim)



The FDA verified through online monitoring or post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned food supplement is not registered and no corresponding Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) has been issued. Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization is prohibited.

Since this food supplement has not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure its quality and safety.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute, advertise, or sell the said violative food supplement until CPR is issued, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued. Always check if a product is registered with the FDA by using the **FDA Verification Portal feature** accessible at <https://verification.fda.gov.ph>. You may also look for the FDA Registration number on the product label, if available or simply type the name of the product.

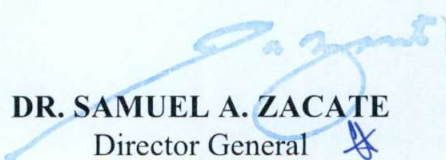
All Law Enforcement Agencies and Local Government Unit are requested to ensure that this product is not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

The Bureau of Customs is urged to restrain the entry of the unregistered imported products.

For more information and inquiries about this advisory, kindly contact the FDA Center for Food Regulation Office and Research through email cfrr@fda.gov.ph indicating on the subject, the concerned Advisory, or call **(02)8857-1900** local **8105** and **8112**.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered food supplement, kindly email us at ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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