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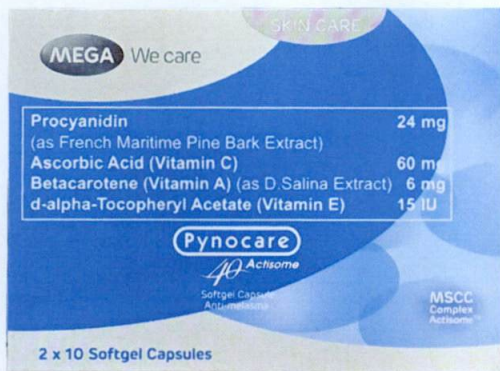
TO : ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the Counterfeit Drug Product “MEGA SKIN CARE Procyanidine (as French Maritime Pine Bark Extract) + Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) + Betacarotene (Vitamin A) (as D. Salina Extract) + d-alpha- Tocopheryl Acetate (Vitamin E) (Pynocare 40 Actisome) 24 mg/60 mg/6 mg/15 IU Softgel Capsule 2x10’s”

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the counterfeit version of the following product:



AUTHENTIC



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Treatment of melasma by reducing the size and intensity of irregular pigmentation. It improves skin smoothness and elasticity while protecting it from the harmful effects of environmental stress.

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Not to be used in persons with known hypersensitivity to any of the components. Not recommended during pregnancy and lactation unless with medical advice from a physician.

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Counterfeit – The lot number and other features are not comparable with the registered product.

Figure 1. Comparison between the Authentic and Verified Counterfeit MEGA SKIN CARE Procyanidine (as French Maritime Pine Bark Extract) + Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) + Betacarotene (Vitamin A) (as D. Salina Extract) + d-alpha- Tocopheryl Acetate (Vitamin E) (Pynocare 40 Actisome) 24 mg/60 mg/6 mg/15 IU Softgel Capsule 2x10's (Lot No.: 0D22C1 (Secondary Packaging), 010922 (Primary Packaging)).


All healthcare professionals and the general public are hereby warned as to the availability of this counterfeit drug product in the market which pose potential danger or injury to consumers. Consumers are also reminded to purchase drug product only from FDA-licensed establishments.

Likewise, all establishments and outlets are hereby warned against selling and/or dispensing of the said counterfeit product with the abovementioned features. The importation, selling or offering for sale of such is in direct violation of Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009, and Republic Act No. 8203 or the Special Law on Counterfeit Drugs. Anyone found selling the said counterfeit drug product will be penalized.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph. To report continuous sale or distribution of unregistered health products, kindly e-mail us via ereport@fda.gov.ph, or through the online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport. You may also call the Center for Drug Regulation and Research at telephone number (02) 8809-5596. For any suspected adverse drug reaction (ADR), report immediately to FDA through this link: <https://primaryreporting.who-umc.org/Reporting/Reporter?OrganizationID=PH> and fill out all the required fields.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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