

HEALTH ALERT

Consecutive Health Alert no. 13

Bogotá, 21 April 2017

Alert regarding fraudulent products possibly present in the Colombian market

In an inspection, surveillance, and control operation, the Instituto Nacional de Vigilancia de Medicamentos y Alimentos (Invima), with support from the Tax and Customs Police (Polfa), confiscated over 4 million units of fraudulent products in Cota (Cundinamarca).

The operation found medicines, dietary supplements, medical devices, food, and phytotherapeutic medicines that violated health standards (e.g. not currently registered with Invima, expired, no marketing authorization numbers on labels, and/or altered labeling or packaging).

The following information shows the products confiscated, grouped according to type of violation:

- **Products without valid marketing authorization:**

No.	Product name	Marketing authorization no.	Expiration of marketing authorization
1	Ganoderma Lucidum Tea	RSIA15I18106	Expired since 27/07/2016
2	Goslimte	RSIA13I7406	Expired since 30/08/2016
3	Instan Green	RSIA13I7406	Expired since 30/08/2016
4	Panax Ginseng Extract Liquid	2002N-0000087	Expired since 23/11/2009
5	Sanjing Ginseng Royal Jelly	2004N-0000223	Expired since 23/08/2010

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- **Products past expiration date:**

No.	Product name	Expiration date*	Manufacturer or Marketing Authorization
1	Aloe Vera	2012	Longstar Health Pro Nci
2	Changing Downright	07/09/2014	Shangai Spring Town Bio Products Ltda
3	Childrens Multi Vitamin	02/06/2012	Guangzhou By-Health Bioengineering Co Ltd
4	Childrens Multi Vitamin	02/06/2012	Xuancheng Bravelly Bioengineering Co.,Ltda
5	Conprosta	October 2015	Zhejiang Combafarmaceutica Co Ltd
6	Fresh Ginseng Drink	24/05/2013	Benxi Huabao Ginseng Products Co
7	Fresh Ginseng Drink	2014/12/05	Benxi Huabao Ginseng Products Co
8	Fu Fang Dan Shen	(Various dates)	Taizhuo Nonfeng Pharmaceutical Co. Ltda
9	Ganoderma Lucidum Tea	10 September 2013	RSIA15I18106
10	Ginkgo Biloba	24/01/2011	Harbin Hongguang Health Food
11	Ginseng And Roller Royal	26/02/2012	Shangai Spring Town Bio Products Ltda
12	Ginseng&Royal Jelly	26/02/2012	Shangai SPR+H29:M35ING Town Bio Products Ltda
13	Gluconato De Zinc Solucion Oral	2013	Harbin Pharm Group Sanjing Pharmaceutical Co Ltd
14	Goslimte	04/07/2013	Zhejiang Medicines
15	Goslimte	20100705	Zhejiang Medicines
16	Goslimte	01/12/2014	Zhejiang Medicines
17	Greatly (By Young)	07/09/2014	Shangai Spring Town Bio Products Ltda
18	Hawthorn Drink	08/02/2013	Benxi Huabao Ginseng Products Co
19	Houteling Hanpiang	October 12	Guangzhuo Chenliji Farmaceutica

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20	Houteling Hanpiang	October 13	Guangzhuo Chenliji Farmaceutica Factori
21	Instan Green	15 October 2008	Yikong Nutritional
22	Koufuye	31/05/2016	Harbin Pharm Group CO Ltda
23	Sanjing Eleuthero Ginseng Royal Jelly	29/12/2014	Harbin Pharm Group Sanjing Pharmaceutical CO Ltda
24	Sanjing Ginseng Royal Jelly	18/09/2011	Harbin Pharm Group Sanjing Pharmaceutical CO Ltda
25	Shuanghuanglian	07/12/2014	Harbin Pharma Group
26	Sterile Acupuncture Needles For Single	(Various dates)	Acupro Medical Instrumental China
27	Te Azul (blue tea)	20/09/2016	RSIA13I8307
28	Te Negro (black tea)	01/06/2011	Zhejiang Medicines
29	Te Rojo (red tea)	20/12/2013	RSIA13I8307
30	Te Rojo Negro (red-black tea)	19/06/2011	Zhejiang Medicine And Health Products
31	Té Verde (green tea), grape, peach, and others	June 2014	RSIA13I8307
32	Vitamins A and D	August 15	Sahngai Spring Town
33	Vitamin and Antioxidant	October 15	Natural Vitamins Laboratory
34	Xinxuebao Jaonang	01/03/2015	Guangzhuo Chenliji Farmaceutical Factory

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- **Marketing authorization not corresponding to product:**

No.	Product name	Marketing authorization indicated on label	Note
1	B-Complex	SD2008-0000280	This marketing authorization does not exist for this product
2	Furunbao Hard Capsula	SD2010-000128	The marketing authorization cited does not correspond to the original product
3	Hawthorn Drink	RSIA12I35710	This marketing authorization does not exist for this product
4	Jabon Cosmetico Ginseng (cosmetic soap)	NCS2004CO1225	This marketing authorization does not exist for this product
5	Multi Nutrition	SD2008-0000894	The marketing authorization cited does not correspond to the original product
6	Te Verde Instantáneo (instant gree tea)	RSIA13I7406	This marketing authorization does not exist for this product
7	Wheat Gem Oil	SD2008-0000882	The marketing authorization cited does not correspond to the original product

- **Label fails to indicate marketing authorization, lot number, or manufacturer:**

No.	Product name	Lot no.*	Manufacturer*
1	Auricularpoints	(Not determined)/model XS-100TH	Nanjing Xiaosong Medical Instruments Research Institute
2	Baicao You	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
3	Shark Cartilage	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
4	Collagen And Calcium	(Illegible)	Xuancheng Bravelly Bioengineering Co.,Ltda
5	Computer And Random Pulse	(Not determined) /model	Suzhou Medical Appliance Factory

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No.	Product name	Lot no.*	Manufacturer*
	Acupuncture Treatment	SMY 10TH	
6	Electronic Acupunture Treatment Instrumed	(Not determined) /model SDZ II	(Not determined)
7	Electronic Acupunture Treatment Instrumed	(Not determined) /model SDZ III	(Not determined) / Suzhou Medical Appliance Factory
8	Fen Shin Pian	L11K121	(Not indicated)
9	Fufang Fengshining Pian	L11K121	(Not indicated)
10	Furunbao Capsule	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
11	Garlic Extrac	(Not indicated)	Long Star Health PRO
12	Iced Green Tea	(Not indicated)	Yikang Nutritional And Healthcare Development CO Ltda
13	Perfumed Soap	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
14	Joan Yin Yain	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
15	Koreans Red Ginseng Antle Extract Cap	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
16	Liweyn Dihuang Wan	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
17	Magic Acupoint Probe	(Not determined) / model	Nanjing Xiaosong Medical Instruments Research Institute
18	Qiye Shenán Pian	110602	Taizhou Nafeng Pharmaceutical CO Ltd
19	Quinchun Bao	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
20	Shen Long Sterile Acupuncture Needles For Single Use	(Not indicated)	Wuijiang City Shenlong
21	Sterile Acupunture Needles For Single	(Several lots)	Medical Health Productos

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No.	Product name	Lot no.*	Manufacturer*
22	Tarro Ambar Capsula Alaska	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
23	Te Rojo Repuesto (red tea)	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
24	Te Verde Goslim Te (green tea)	ZJ427712032	Hangzhon Chehu Trading
25	Te Verde Repuesto (green tea)	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
26	The Oral Liquor Of Vitamins King	(Not indicated)	China Harbin Huili Medicine
27	Trochisci Piperazini Phosphatis	110830	(Not indicated)
28	Troschisi Piperrazini Phosphati	201401	(Not indicated)
29	Vieda Vanhur You	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)
30	Zhuang Yau Sian	(Not indicated)	(Not indicated)

- **Alterations of the information on the label, or of the packaging:**

NO.	Name of the product	Alteration
1	Calcium Colostrum	Bottle, 60 Tablets (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
2	Chewable Vitamin	Bottle X 60 Tablets (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
3	Childrens Fish Liner Oil	Bottle X 100 Capsules (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
4	Childrens Multi Vitamin	Bottle (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)

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NO.	Name of the product	Alteration
5	DHA	Bottle, Soft Capsules (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
6	Furunbao Hard Capsula	Manufacturer (Shangqiu Fuyuan Health Products) not the authorized manufacturer
7	Ginkgo Biloba & Ginseng Extracto Miel (honey extract)	Manufacturer (Harbin Hongguang Health Food) not the authorized manufacturer
8	Ginkgo Biloba Royal Yelly Oral Liquid	Manufacturer (Harbin Hongguang Health Food) not the authorized manufacturer
9	Ginseng Royal Jelly	Manufacturer (Harbin Yichan Beiyao Pharmaceutical Co) not the authorized manufacturer
10	Ginseng Royal Jelly	Manufacturer (Harbin Yichan Beiyao Pharmaceutical Co) not the authorized manufacturer
11	Ginseng Royal Jelly	Manufacturer (Harbin Yichan Beiyao Pharmaceutical Co) not the authorized manufacturer
12	Korean Ginseng Tea	Manufacturer (Yikank Nutritional) not the authorized manufacturer
13	Lecithin	Bottle (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
14	Liquid Calcium	Bottle (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
15	Marine Protein	Bottle (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
16	Mens Multi Vitamins Table	Bottle (color of bottle not per authorized product packaging)
17	Neurozin Syrup 100 Liquid	Manufacturer (An Hui Zhonghe) not the authorized manufacturer
18	Neurozin Syrup 100 Liquid	Manufacturer (An Hui Zhonghe) not the authorized manufacturer
19	Omega 3,6, 9 Alaska	Manufacturer (Long Star Health) not the authorized manufacturer
20	Panax Ginseng	Manufacturer (Harbin Pharm Group Co Ltda) not the authorized manufacturer

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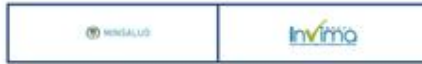
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Recommendations

- a. When purchasing over-the-counter products, confirm their composition and valid marketing authorization. Remember that products approved for marketing by Invima must have a marketing authorization number on the label, and this cannot be replaced with words such as “in process” or “authorization pending.” The marketing authorization can be consulted [here](#), following the steps explained [here](#).
- b. You can also consult the accuracy of the marketing authorization of products through your Tigo or Movistar cell phone by dialing *767# for a response via text messaging.
- c. Before using a medicine, phytotherapeutic product, or dietary supplement, review and read the label to identify the Invima registration, the expiration date, and the manufacturer’s recommendations on storage.
- d. The information on the labels of drugs, phytotherapeutic products, or dietary supplements should be in Spanish. If the information on the product is in a different language, the product has not been authorized by Invima.
- e. Consider the following when acquiring any product:
 - Only use products approved by Invima.
 - Buy these products in establishments where you can confirm proper storage conditions, so that you can be sure that products you are going to use meet basic standards of quality, safety, and efficacy.
 - When acquiring such a product, confirm that it has a security seal that breaks when the product is opened. Before opening, make sure that the product does not show any signs of deterioration or of alteration in shape or color.
 - Be wary of products advertised on the Internet or other media, offering supposed therapeutic benefits. Unless they are endorsed by the health authority, they may contain undeclared and potentially harmful ingredients.

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- Remember not to acquire products that lack Invima registration. Their marketing authorization status can be consulted [here](#). The steps to registration are explained [here](#).

For more information, call Invima at 2948700, ext. 3921, 3847, or 3916, or email invimafv@invima.gov.co.