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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA 1099

**ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS
COORDINATING GROUP**

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT COLLECTORS
ALL PORT COLLECTORS
ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION
ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FDA LETTER DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2017 VERIFYING THE
VERACITY OF FDA ADVISORY NO. 2015-051

DATE : 29 September 2017

This has reference to the herein attached letter from Engr. ANA TRINIDAD F. RIVERA, MSc, Director IV, Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research, dated 13 September 2017, affirming the validity of Food and Drug Authority Advisory No. 2015-051 with the subject "Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered Mosquito Coils Proliferating in Region VII" issued against the use of unregistered household/urban pesticide products which were evaluated not to be compliant to FDA regulations, and as such, their safety and efficacy cannot be ensured.

In view thereof, the reminder in the memorandum issued by the undersigned on 7 March 2017 on the "Alleged Proliferation of Unregistered China Mosquito Coils including 'Wawang' brand smuggled in the Philippines" is hereby reiterated. All concerned personnel are reminded to be on alert against the said brand and to verify the product registration of mosquito coils imported in the Philippines with the FDA prior to the release of the shipment containing said commodity.


Atty. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUOCO
Deputy Commissioner

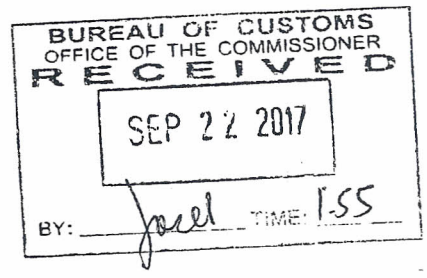


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



13 September 2017

Atty. Geniefelle P. Lagmay
For the Commissioner
Office of the Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila



Dear **Atty. Lagmay**:



This refers to your letter dated 24 July 2017 forwarded to the Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (CCRR) on 07 August 2017 requesting for verification on the veracity of FDA Advisory No. 2015-051 in relation to the letter of Mr. Ramon Ducay of Greencoil Industries, Inc. seeking assistance from your office to stop the alleged proliferation of unregistered mosquito coils from China.

Please be advised that FDA Advisory No. 2015-051 with subject "Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered Mosquito Coils Proliferating in Region VII" is an official issuance released by this Office advising the public against the use of unregistered household/urban pesticide products which were not evaluated to be compliant to FDA regulations, and as such, their safety and efficacy cannot be ensured.

Based on CCRR records, the household/urban pesticide products listed in FDA Advisory No. 2015-051 remain unregistered as of this date.

For your information and guidance.

Very truly yours,

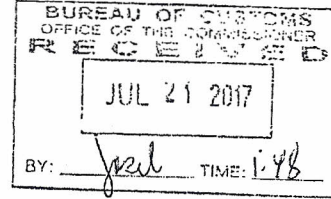
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ENGR. ANA TRINIDAD F. RIVERA, MSc
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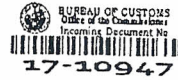
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NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner of Customs
Port of Manila



Dear Sir,

Good day to you.



We are one the legitimate manufacturer of mosquito coils here in the Philippines. We would like to bring to your attention regarding the proliferation of unregistered mosquito coils **smuggled** in the Philippine market , bearing the brand **Wawang** from China.


Wawang is not an FDA registered product but still they are sold in Metro Manila and even in the market of provinces in Visayas and Mindanao.

In this letter, we send together the laboratory result of Wawang China coils performed by Sumitomo Chemical in Malaysia, to give proof that they misdeclared the active ingredient content of the product, a clear violation of the implementing rules of FDA.

Also we send to you the Memorandum Circular from FDA alerting the Public the use of unregistered China mosquito coils including Wawang brand.

We hope you can help the legitimate manufacturers like us, to stop the proliferation of unregistered Mosquito Coil products from China as this posed a great health risk to our countrymen.

Respectfully,


Ramon Dacay
 President/CEO
 Greencoil Industries Inc.

cc: Secretary Leoncio Evasco
Office of the Cabinet Secretary

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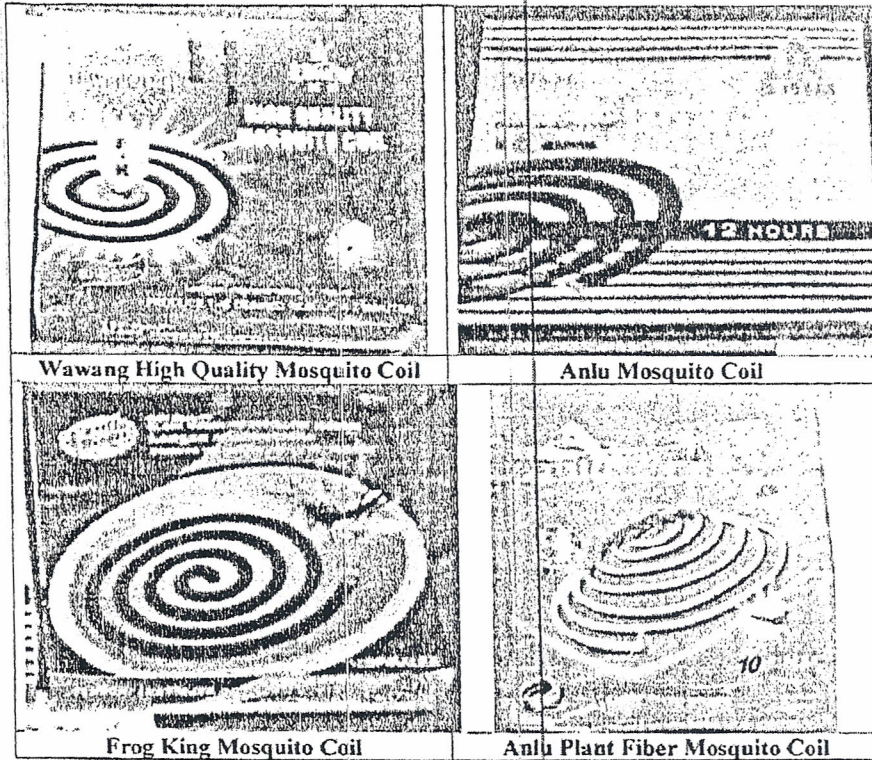
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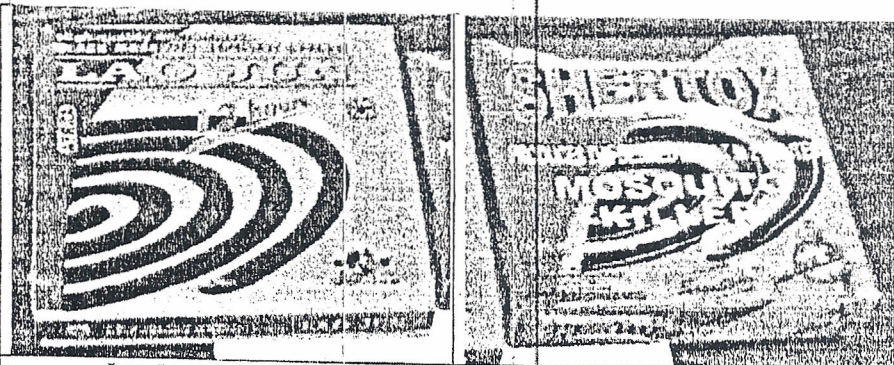
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FDA ADVISORY
No. 2015-051

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Use of Unregistered Mosquito Coils Proliferating in Region VII

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the use of these unregistered mosquito coils:





Lao Jun Mosquito Coil

Shertox Mosquito Coil



Brother Mosquito Coil

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LWI-RRE-F001b
Issue 2, Revision 0, Effective 13 Sept 2010

SUMITOMO CHEMICAL ENVIRO-AGRO ASIA PACIFIC SDN BHD



TECHNICAL SERVICE REPORT (Report Detail)
TS-17013b

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TITLE : Content analysis of mosquito coil received from Greencoil, Philippines
REPORT DATE : 13th January 2017
MATERIAL: Mosquito coil

SCEA No.	Sample information	Active ingredient ¹⁾	Stated content
FO-17007	Wawang China	Esbiothrin	0.25% w/w

¹⁾Samples were received on 5th Jan 2017
²⁾Esbiothrin allethrin

METHOD:

Esbiothrin content of mosquito coil sample was quantified following SCEA in house method LWI-RCT-T132: Determination of allethrin content in mosquito coil sample.

RESULT:


Table 1: Esbiothrin content of mosquito coil sample received from Greencoil, Philippines.

SCEA no.	Sample information	Esbiothrin content (% w/w)		
		Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Average
FO-17007	Wawang China	0.00442	0.00378	0.00410

DISCUSSION: (Note: Opinions and interpretations expressed herein are outside the scope of SAMM accreditation)

Esbiothrin content of Wawang China coil was 62 times lower than its stated content of 0.25% w/w. An additional peak was detected in sample that matched to the retention time of dimethluthrin. Wawang China coil was estimated to contain 0.077% w/w dimethluthrin (analysis carried out to estimate dimethluthrin content in coil sample is outside the scope of SAMM accreditation).

REPORTED BY:


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