

FDA issues recall order for 2 milk products (from GMA News)

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Health authorities have issued a product recall order for two milk drink products, after finding their fat content to be below standard.

The Food and Drug Administration's recall order covered Sustagen Junior Milk Drink Powder (vanilla) and Alactagrow Bibo Trio Milk Supplement.

"Continuous distribution of the said product presents gross deception to the consuming public and may even present risk of illness or injury to the consuming sector of the public, the young children," the FDA said in Advisories 2010-009 and 2010-010.

Both products mentioned in the advisories are from Mead Johnson Nutrition Philippines, Inc. with offices at 2309 Don Chino Roces Ave., Makati City.

In Advisory 2010-009 covering Sustagen Junior Milk Drink Powder (vanilla), FDA said the standard required for fat is between three and six grams per 100 calories, or 0.7 and 1.4 grams per 100 available kilojoules respectively.

However, evaluation of the product's fat content per 100 calories compared to the product's label declaration of 5.9 per 100 gram powder and 392 calories per 100 grams will result in only 1.5 grams fat per 100 calories.

"Thus (it would be) indisputably making the same non-compliant to the standard of... quality," FDA said.

In Advisory 2010-010, FDA said evaluation showed the product's fat content per 100 calories compared to the product's label declaration of 5.1 grams per 100 gram powder and 380 calories per 100 gram will result in only 1.34 gram fat per 100 calories.

Acting FDA director Nazarita Tacandong also appealed to consumers who had bought the products to return them to Mead Johnson Nutrition Philippines or its licensed distributors. — LBG, GMANews.TV

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