PRESS RELEASE
SALE OF UNREGISTERED PRODUCT: `357 NASAL SPRAY'

The public is advised to avoid buying and using a traditional product, '357 Nasal Spray' with registration number MAL06061468T registered for use to relief nasal congestion. The product registration holder for '357 Nasal Spray' is Three Five Seven Sdn. Bhd and the manufacturer is Qiandongnan Likaqing Tec Co. Ltd., China.

The product registration for '357 Nasal Spray' has been cancelled by the Drug Control Authority (DCA) at its 227th meeting on 29 April 2010 following the detection of scheduled poison, dexamethasone. Dexamethasone is not allowed to be formulated in a product which is classified as a traditional product.

Dexamethasone can only be supplied by doctors or available at pharmacies upon a prescription. The usage of dexamethasone without proper diagnosis and monitoring by the doctor can cause serious adverse events such as high blood pressure, edema and Cushingoid syndrome (moon face). Hence, this product can cause detrimental effects to consumers who are at high risk of getting these adverse events.

Since this product is confirmed to be adulterated with dexamethasone, the public is advised to stop using it and they can seek further advice from healthcare professionals if needed.

Anyone who is in possession of this product is advised to immediately cease selling, distributing or using it. Sellers are reminded that possession for sale of this product is an offence under the Control Of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations 1984. Any individual who commits an offence under these regulations can be fined up to a maximum of RM25,000 or a

jail sentence not exceeding 3 years or both for the first offence, and for a subsequent offence, a fine up to a maximum of RM50,000 or a jail sentence not exceeding 5 years or both. A company found guilty can be fined up to RM50,000 for the first offence and fined up to a maximum of RM100,000 for a subsequent offence.

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