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Editorial

The 3rd edition of NADFC Newsletter published in medio October 2005 is strive to give the readers on some important news, public warnings and regular activities of NADFC in the third quarter of 2005. One of the important news is that the NADFC has been successfully accomplished the WHO assessment of National Vaccine Regulatory System on 15-19 August 2005. The investigation team of NADFC supported by NQCLDF found traditional medicines which were mixed with chemical substances. In order to protect the people's health, the NADFC then published public warnings which were also disseminated to all regional offices of NADFC throughout Indonesia.

UNITAR supports a limited number of country-based projects which meant to strengthen capacities and facilitate development of a national GHS implementation strategy. These projects are executed by UNITAR with funding from the government of Switzerland and European Commission.

Hearing with House of Parliament members, discussed about the importance of having regulations on food and drug control. The 9th ASEAN Food Conference 2005 was held on 8-10 August 2005 in Bidakara Hotel, Jakarta. The Conference discussed current issues on Ethnic and traditional Food, Food Technology Education, Food Processing Engineering, Food Safety, and Nutrition and Health. The Conference was officially opened by the Minister of Research and Technology.

Regulation Government of Republic of Indonesia no. 21 / 2005 regarding Genetically Modified Product was signed by President Republic of Indonesia on 19 May 2005 in Jakarta.

Thank you.

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PUBLIC WARNING

**THE HEAD OF NATIONAL AGENCY OF DRUG AND FOOD CONTROL
NO. KH.00.01.1.034 DATED 20 AUGUST 2005
REGARDING ARMA SIN GANG SAN LANGSING AYU
PRODUCT CONTAINING DRUG CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE
SIBUTRAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE**

1. Based on the investigation and laboratory testing of NADFC RI, it is found that ARMA SIN GANG SAN LANGSING AYU has been adulterated with chemical substances called **Sibutramine Hydrochloride**.
2. **Sibutramine Hydrochloride** is an ethical drug which can only be purchased and consumed by prescription. This ethical drug is a chemical compound which inhibits reuptake of nor epinephrine, serotonin and dopamine which is used for obesity treatment only under a doctor's supervision.
3. The use of Sibutramine Hydrochloride that is not under a doctor's supervision and or the improper use of it may increase blood pressure and heart beat as well as induces sleep disorder. This drug is prohibited for patients with coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmia, or stroke.
4. This adulteration with Sibutramine Hydrochloride in ARMA SIN GANG SAN LANGSING AYU could jeopardize consumer safety and health and considered as criminal act, therefore it should be followed by a pro-justice process.
5. In order to protect consumers from any risk caused by the above, NADFC have cancelled the registration number of the product and orders the manufacturer or distributor to recall all ARMA SIN GANG SAN LANGSINGAYU products from the market.
6. With regard to the above matter, it is announced not to purchase and consume the said product.
7. Consumers who are experiencing adverse effects by using the said illegal product may report to Consumer Complaint Unit in NADFC Jakarta on phone number 021-426 3333 or at the Regional Offices throughout Indonesia.



This public warning is announced for consumers' protection and requests all concerned parties to fully regard this matter.

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