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HEALTH SCIENCES AUTHORITY
PRESS RELEASE

HSA UPDATES ON AUSTRALIA'S RECALL OF VITAMINS, MINERALS AND HERBAL PRODUCTS, 30 APRIL 03

To date, the Health Sciences Authority [HSA] has confirmed a list of products available locally that were manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals Limited of Sydney, Australia.

2 HSA has initiated the immediate recall of these products from their distributors. As a large number of products are affected, the recall is still in progress, and the public is advised not to purchase these products.

RECALL OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY PAN PHARMACEUTICALS

3 This recall is being undertaken because of concerns about the quality and safety of the products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals. HSA's regulatory counterpart in Australia, the Therapeutic Goods Administration [TGA], has found serious manufacturing breaches at Pan Pharmaceuticals.

4 The detailed list of products being recalled can be found in Annex A. To date, the product recall list includes the products from the following brand names:

1. 21st Century
2. Kordel's
3. Vitahealth
4. Nutralife
5. Oceanhealth*
6. Nuvanta*

* *These are newly added brand names not included in HSA press release dated 28 April 03*

5 Consumers may wish to note that the above 6 mentioned brand names have other products that are NOT manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals. These other products are not listed in Annex A and are not being recalled. In other words, the sale of other products under these 6 mentioned brand names and that are not affected by the recall will continue in the Singapore market.

6 It is expected that products of additional brand names may also be recalled over the next few days, as HSA continues to identify and confirm all the locally available products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals.

7 HSA is maintaining close communication with TGA to track the latest developments as the situation develops in Australia. As HSA also continues close coordination and follow-up with local trade associations and suppliers, HSA will provide regular updates on the list of affected products of other brands, and post the list on its website until all the affected products have been removed from the market.

CONSUMERS' ADVISORY

8 Consumers are advised that if they have any of the products listed in the recall list in Annex A, they should stop using them.

9 HSA would like to assure consumers that there is no cause for undue alarm on the recall. TGA has informed HSA that there was no evidence of intentional adulteration of Pan Pharmaceuticals' products with potent western drugs that can cause serious side effects.

10 To date, HSA has not received any reports of serious adverse drug reactions from the consumption of these health products in Singapore.

11 Members of the public may call the following HSA hotlines or email us for any further queries:

Tel: 6325.5424 / 6325.5498 / 6325.2432 / 6325.5604 [Public enquiries]

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ANNEX A

**LIST OF SINGAPORE MARKETED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY
PAN PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**Arranged By Brand Name
[as at 30 April 03]**

(Information as confirmed by the principal dealers)

1. 21st Century
2. Kordel's
3. Vitahealth
4. Nutralife
5. Oceanhealth
6. Nuvanta

Note: To see next page for the list of recalled products of the above local brand names/ companies

- **The following list consists of products, which are manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals Limited of Sydney, Australia.**
- **The batches manufactured after 1 May 02 are recalled.**
- **Products not labeled with manufacturing date will also be recalled.**

List of "21st CENTURY" products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Vitamin C 250mg Orange Chewable
2. Vitamin C 500mg Orange Chewable
3. Vitamin C 1000mg Orange Chewable
4. Vitamin C 500mg T/R
5. Vitamin C 1000mg T/R
6. Children's Vitamin C 100mg
7. Children's Vitamins
8. Acid Free C 1000
9. Anti-Acne
10. Vitamin E 400iu
11. Vitamin E 500iu
12. Appetite Increaser
13. Fat Burners
14. Super Fat Burners
15. Tummy Trimmer
16. Selenium N ACE
17. Chelavite
18. One-A-Day
19. Lecithin Omega
20. Omega 3
21. Muscle Builders
22. Senior Men
23. Senior Women
24. Women's Multivite with EPO
25. Bee Pollen T/R
26. IQ Plus Memory
27. Potent Garlic 20,000mg
28. Sinus & Catarrh
29. Evening Primrose Oil 500mg
30. Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg
31. Hair Skin & Nails
32. Junior Momorax

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List of "KORDEL'S" products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Kordel Women's Multi
2. Kordel's Acid Free C 1000mg
3. Kordel's B Complex + C
4. Kordel's Calcium Plus
5. Kordel's Celery 3000
6. Kordel's Child Immune
7. Kordel's Children's C 100mg
8. Kordel's Children's Multi
9. Kordel's Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg
10. Kordel's Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg + Vit E 200IU
11. Kordel's Evening Primrose Oil 500mg
12. Kordel's Eyebright
13. Kordel's Ginkgo 7500mg Plus
14. Kordel's Hair (& Skin Nutrition)
15. Kordel's Herbal Anti-acne
16. Kordel's Men's Multi
17. Kordel's Mobileaze
18. Kordel's Natural Vitamin E 200IU
19. Kordel's Natural Vitamin E 400IU
20. Kordel's Phyto-Femme
21. Kordel's Prostaguard
22. Kordel's Senior Time
23. Kordel's Straight A's
24. Kordel's Super Antioxidant Sus. Rel.
25. Kordel's Super Garlic 20,000mg
26. Kordel's Tuna oil 1000mg
27. Kordel's Zest for Men

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List of "VITAHEALTH" products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Lingzi Forte
2. Blackcurrant C 250mg
3. Blood & Skin Cleanser
4. C Vita Non Acidic 1000mg
5. Calmag + Zinc
6. Celery Plus
7. Cod Liver Oil Cap
8. Cod Liver Oil Softgel
9. Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg
10. Evening Primrose Oil 600mg
11. Fibreplus
12. Fruitimins
13. Ginkgo 2000mg
14. Grapefruit Diet Plus
15. Lipogard (Phillippine)
16. Orange C 100mg
17. Orange C 250mg
18. Orange C 500mg
19. Phyto-Organics-Vegetable Blend
20. Promaxin
21. Robovites Chewable Multivitamins (Asst Flavours / Orange / Blackcurrant / Strawberry)
22. Robovites Blackcurrant
23. Robovites Kids' C
24. Royal Jelly 1000mg
25. Selenium Vitaplus
26. Shark Cartilage
27. Squalene 500mg
28. TRN Mega B Complex with C
29. TRN Mega C-Vita 1500mg
30. Vita Oat Bran 500 Tablet
31. Vita Primolin Total Woman Tablet
32. Vita Total Man
33. Vitacal 250mg + D
34. Vitaron

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List of "NUTRALIFE" products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Nutralife Glucosamine 1000 Plus
2. Nutralife Herbal X
3. Nutralife Nutravision
4. Nutralife Oliviral
5. Nutralife Thermo-Trim
6. Nutralife Tribulus Complex
7. Nutralife Weight Gain

List of " OCEANHEALTH " products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Ocean Health Vitamin C 500mg Chewable
2. Ocean Health Memore for Children
3. Ocean Health Nutrition for Eyes
4. Ocean Health EPC 1000mg Softgel

List of "NUVANTA" products manufactured by Pan Pharmaceuticals

1. Nuvanta Pycnogenol 50mg