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DOH-FDA Advisory
No. 2013-001

**SUBJECT: LIFTING OF DOH-FDA ADVISORY No. 2011-008 DATED JUNE 1, 2011
ON RECALL OF IDENTIFIED FOOD PRODUCT COMING FROM
TAIWAN CONTAMINATED WITH DEHP PLASTICIZER**

Following the report of Taiwan authorities that the plasticizer di(ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) has been illegally added to several food products as a clouding agent to improve emulsification, the Food and Drug Administration issued on June 1, 2011 DOH-FDA Advisory No. 2011-008 re: Immediate Recall of Tentatively Identified Selected Brands of Food Products Imported from Taiwan Contaminated with Di(ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP).

In the same advisory, the FDA announced that it shall continuously monitor and collect food products in the local market to ensure the safe supply of food products coming from Taiwan. Based on the laboratory tests done on collected food samples, which were found to be negative for the presence of DEHP, and continuous monitoring of unregistered food products, the FDA hereby lifts the recall order of selected brands of food products coming from Taiwan as identified in Attachments I (in Chinese characters) and II (as translated in English) of DOH-FDA Advisory No.2011-8.

Notwithstanding the lifting of the recall order, all food inspectors are instructed to continuously monitor establishments for unregistered food products as well as collect samples for laboratory testing to ensure food safety. To prevent entry of contaminated and unsafe food products from other countries, the Bureau of Customs is hereby ordered to release all imported processed food products only after the FDA has recommended for their release.



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