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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DECS MEMORANDUM  
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WARNING AGAINST CONSUMING "ARISE AND SHINE" PRODUCTS

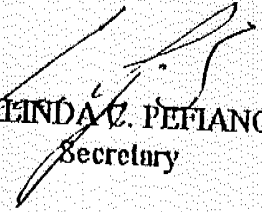
To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
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1. For the information of all concerned, the following are excerpts from the Consumer Advisory No. 1, s. 1998 issued by the Office of the National Consumer Affairs Council (NCAC) on the warning against consuming the product Chomper, a line of dietary supplement products distributed by Arise and Shine Company based in California, U.S.A.:

Based on the report of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the product "Chomper" has been associated with a severe injury and that it may contain substances that may result in an abnormal heart rate and rhythm and could potentially cause cardiac arrest. The "Chomper" product is promoted as an herbal laxative and cleansing agent to be used as part of a regimen of dietary products.

In view hereof, and in the interest of consumer protection and general well-being, the National Consumer Affairs Council is warning consumers not to purchase or consume "Chomper". While the Bureau of Food and Drugs of the Department of Health has advised NCAC that it is not officially registered with its Office, consumers are however urged to report to the NCAC any information as to the presence of subject product into the market at Telefax No. 890-49-30.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

Reference: None  
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