



Food and Drug Control Activity

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) established since 1995, takes care of the safety and quality of Food, Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics. In 2000, food and drug control activities have been expanded with establishment of Food and Drug Administration Branch in Mandalay.

To enable the public to have quality and safe food, efficacious drugs, medical devices and cosmetics, FDA is implementing the tasks complying with guidance from the Ministry of Health and Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority according to National Drug Law 1992, National Food Law 1997 and Public Health Law 1972.

Drug control activities have been conducting for marketing authorization for new products & variation of existing authorization, quality control laboratory testing, adverse drug reaction monitoring, Good Manufacturing Practice inspection and licensing of manufacturers, wholesalers, enforcement activities, drug promotion and advertisements.

Under the guidance of Drug Advisory Committee and Central Food & Drug Supervisory Committee, FDA has issued 1683 Drug Registration Certificates, 32 Drug Importation Approval Certificates and also rejected 23 drugs for quality and safety efficacy aspect. For Medical Device Control, FDA is working closely cooperation with National health Laboratory for evaluation of rapid diagnostics test kits and 1916 Pre/ Post Market Drug Samples had been tested in Drug Quality Control Laboratory during 2011. With the collaboration of Custom Department, Directorate of Trade and Myanmar Police Force, FDA takes necessary measures to ensure only registered drugs are imported.

FDA issues Health Recommendation for local food manufacturing, imported and exported food. A total of 535 drinking water factories and 300 major food production facilities which comply with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and 62 small traditional food production facilities which comply with Good Hygienic Practice (GHP) have received the Health Recommendation.

In 2011, post-market survey on coloured food such as chili powder, turmeric powder, fish paste, pickled tea leaves, etc, was done and unsafe products were recalled and destroyed. Total 991 samples were tested and unpermitted colour dyes were found in 198 samples.



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