

The News Editor

Dear Sir/ Madam,

PRESS RELEASE - FDA/POLICE SUPERVISES THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNWHOLESOME ASAHI MACKEREL

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) wishes to inform the general public that three (3)-twenty (20) footer containers of unwholesome Asahi Mackerel have been disposed off under the supervision of the FDA and the Ghana Police Service.

The Asahi Mackerel was imported into the country by Dotsisco Ventures and were impounded by the Achimota Mile 7 District Police following a tip off by residents of Ofankor.

Investigations conducted so far by the Police and the FDA have revealed that a total of six (6)-twenty (20) footer containers of mackerel were imported into the country and documents covering the products indicated that they were on transit to neighbouring country Togo.

Further investigations have indicated that three (3)-twenty (20) footer of the consignment contained another brand of unregistered mackerel named "So Nice Mackerel" which were alleged to have been transported to Kumasi, Takoradi and Tamale.

Meanwhile, Market Surveillance activities conducted by the Ashanti Regional Office of the FDA has led to the detention of five hundred (500) cartons of the "So Nice Mackerel". The other FDA Regional Offices have embarked on an intensive Market Surveillance exercises to ensure the "So Nice Mackerel" are not offered for sale to the general public.

The general public is further notified that the consignments of Asahi Mackerel have been safely disposed off under the supervision of the FDA and the Ghana Police.

The FDA wishes to take the opportunity to commend and thank the residents of Ofankor for alerting the Authorities on the existence of the products and further wishes to encourage the general public to provide any information on the "So Nice Mackerel" through any of the following numbers:

HOTLINES - 0299802932, 0299802933

TOLL FREE NUMBER - 0800151000 (free only on Airtel and Vodafone)

SMS SHORTCODE - 4015

The FDA is also assuring the general public of its continuous resolve to protect public health and safety at all times.

Yours faithfully

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