

COMPLIANCE REMINDER

To: Business Operators of Food Supplements (All)

Re: Reminder to comply with registration requirements of food supplements

Reference is made to the Presidential Order N° 67/01 of 20/10/2009 establishing food supplements regulation, especially in its Article 8 requiring each product intended to be marketed as food supplement to be registered by relevant regulatory authority;

Further reference is made to the circular Ref N° DFAR/FAR/2829/FDA/2023 issued on 30/06/2023 with the subject “*Registration of foods intended for particular nutritional uses and food additives*”;

Rwanda FDA would like to remind that registration is mandatory for any food supplement intended to be placed on the market. Therefore:

1. Rwanda FDA may consider requests for importation of unregistered food supplements only if applications for their registration have been received. However, based on the preliminary review and in the interest of safety and quality assurance, a food supplement under the registration process may be ineligible for an import license until the final decision about its registration is made.
2. All business operators of food supplements including manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers are reminded that food supplements are prohibited to be sold, advertised or promoted for any therapeutic uses such as treatment or prevention of diseases or health conditions.

Sincerely,

Prof. Emile BIENVENU,
Director General