Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT
DAVAO REGION
Bajada, Davao City

PUBLIC ADVISORY

Subject: **Ban of Magic Sugar or Neotogen from the Market**

Magic Sugar or Neotogen used as food sweetener is prohibited due to “its evidence of carcinogenicity (causing cancer) in animals” (*BFAD Advisory No. 00-05, August 2000*). In Region XI, cancer is one of the ten leading causes of deaths.

Magic sugar or Neotogen contains 99.9% Sodium Cyclamate. As such, it is injurious to health and must be banned from the market (*Sec 11a, 12a & 14a of R.A. 3720*). DOH Administrative Order # 122 (1970), provides that beverages (carbonated or non-carbonated fruit flavored drinks), canned fruits and vegetable juices containing even lower levels of cyclamates, should be withdrawn from the market. Likewise, DOH Administrative Order # 123 (1970) also provides that cyclamates intended for dietary management of disease such as diabetes, are classified as drugs subject to regulations, and they should be available in drugstores only.

Aside from the health hazards that people face due to the ordinary use of Magic Sugar or Neotogen, selling this product in the market is punishable under sec 4, of E.O. # 175.

In case you know of vendors still selling neotogen or magic sugar, please report immediately to our Office at telephone nos. 226-4826, 305-1902, 305-1904, 305-1910, or to the nearest City Health Office, Provincial Health Office, or Municipal Health Centers.

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