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Public Caution: Kings Orange Flavoured Liqueur And Jupiter 1990 Are Unsafe For Consumption

Accra: May 18, 2025 - The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) is alerting the public that **KINGS ORANGE FLAVOURED LIQUEUR** and **JUPITER 1990** are unsafe for consumption. These alcoholic drinks are unregistered and have been found to contain marijuana (cannabis) extracts. They are suspected to be illegally produced by **FAMUDE CATERING SERVICES**, based in the Ashanti Region

BACKGROUND

KINGS ORANGE FLAVOURED LIQUEUR was originally registered with the FDA in 2022. However, in July 2023, during routine market checks and lab tests, it was found to contain traces of marijuana. As a result, the FDA:

- Shut down the FAMUDE CATERING SERVICES facility,
- Revoked their license, and
- Referred the matter to the Suntresu District Police for further investigation and possible prosecution.

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Since then, the FDA, in collaboration with the Drug Law Enforcement Unit (DLEU) of the Ghana Police Service and the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC), has closely monitored the situation to prevent further violations.

RECENT ACTION

In April 2025, the FDA received intelligence that KINGS ORANGE FLAVOURED LIQUEUR was still being sold in Koforidua. Investigations led the team to a new unlicensed site.

On 30th April 2025, a joint team from the FDA, NACOC, and the DLEU raided this illegal site at Jachie Abidjan Nkwanta. They found:

- Bags and parcels of dried marijuana,
- Labels of Kings Orange Flavoured Liqueur, and
- Another unregistered drink called Jupiter 1990.

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Samples of both products tested positive for marijuana extracts. All seized items were handed over to the DLEU of the Central Police Command in Kumasi to support ongoing investigations.

PUBLIC WARNING

These products – Kings Orange Flavoured Liqueur and Jupiter 1990 – are suspected to have been secretly made and mixed with marijuana. They are therefore unsafe for consumption.

The FDA is urging:

- Retailers and wholesalers to immediately stop selling these drinks and return all stock to the nearest FDA office.
- Consumers to avoid buying or drinking these products.

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Consuming such unsafe alcoholic drinks can seriously harm your health, including causing permanent damage to organs like the liver and kidneys.

The FDA remains fully committed to protecting public health by ensuring that all regulated products, including alcoholic beverages, are safe, of good quality, and properly produced.

For all inquiries and concerns, please reach out to us through the contacts below..

Signed

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