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Accra: February 16, 2026 - The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) has taken note of a viral video circulating on social media and purporting to demonstrate the preservation of beans using a white powdery substance believed to be concrete cement.

The practice portrayed in the said video is not part of Ghanaian agricultural or food preservation practices. The Plant Protection and Regulation Services Directorate (PPRSD) of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture does not recommend or endorse such method of preservation.

A close look at the video shows that the language spoken is not Ghanaian. A translation of the narration reveals unsafe and unhygienic handling practices. Chemicals are used without an appropriate protective wear. Instead, they are applied with bare hands. The video also depicts someone standing on the heap of beans without any protective clothing.

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The FDA, together with its stakeholder institutions, does not approve of food preservation practices that compromise food safety and public health. The use of unapproved substances, poor hygiene practices, direct contact with food using bare hands, and lack of protective gear are all contrary to acceptable food safety standards.

The FDA assures the public that such practices as shown in the video are not encouraged in Ghana. Farm produce aggregators and retailers are advised to refrain from engaging in or promoting unsafe food preservation methods. Consumers should report any suspicious food handling or preservation practices to the Authority for the necessary investigations and sanctions.

The FDA remains committed to safeguarding public health and safety, and ensuring that all food products on the Ghanaian market meet approved safety and quality standards.

Signed
Chief Executive Officer
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