

Cuba Punishes Officials for Misusing Symbols



Havana, September 27 (RHC)-- Cuba will punish officials with the Biological Laboratories Entrepreneurial Group Labiofam after they launched two perfumes in presumed homage to Cuban-Argentinean guerrilla fighter Ernesto Che Guevara and Bolivarian leader Hugo Chavez.

"This serious mistake will lead to corresponding disciplinary measures," reads a statement by the Executive Committee of the Cuban Council of Ministers, published in this morning's edition of Granma newspaper.

Labiofam workers announced to the international media during a recent congress in Havana that two perfumes, still in the works, would bear the names of "Ernesto" and "Hugo."

The details of this irresponsible action were thoroughly analyzed on the evening of Friday, September 26th in the presence of the enterprises' director and the officials who presented the product, which has not been put on sale or even registered.

It was made clear that it was not true that the relatives of Che and Chavez would have approved such use of their names, as one of the officials told AP news agency.

After asserting that such symbols are sacred today and always, the statement stressed that such actions will never be accepted by the people or the revolutionary government of Cuba.

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