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IMPORTATION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

National Drug Authority (NDA) is a regulatory body established by the National Drug Policy and Authority Act (Cap. 206) to ensure availability, at all times, of essential, efficacious and cost-effective drugs to the entire population of Uganda, as a means of providing satisfactory health care and safeguarding the appropriate use of drugs. Within the context of section 1(k) of the Act, the importation, exportation and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and medical face masks, is regulated by NDA.

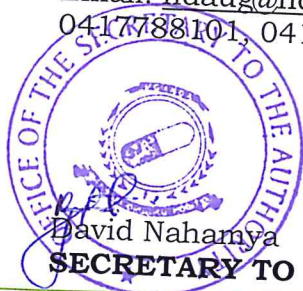
In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, National Drug Authority recognizes that the demand for critical PPEs has tremendously increased and the available supply chain has to step up to meet the demand. One of NDA's priorities in combating the COVID-19 pandemic is facilitating access to these quality devices.

As many companies step up to help in the manufacture and supply of PPEs, NDA will continue to maintain oversight over the quality and performance of these PPEs in the following manner:

- 1) Companies that wish to manufacture PPEs locally shall write to the Secretary to the Authority expressing their interest in the same. NDA has developed an abridged approval system to ensure that products are made available to the market by local manufacturers.
- 2) Licensed importers of drugs and medical equipment shall be authorized to import as per NDP&A (Importation and Exportation of Drugs), Regulations S.I 34, 2014. Applications for importation shall continue to be received through the NDA Management Information System (NDAMIS) for consideration.

As part of the emergency response efforts, NDA has instituted systems to speed up import verification and clearance of legitimate products and shall continue to monitor import systems to prevent and mitigate potential entry of illegitimate products on the Ugandan market.

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