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PUBLIC NOTICE

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UNAUTHORIZED CHINESE PILL TABLETS ON THE MARKET

The National Drug Authority has noted with concern the **sale of unauthorized Chinese Pill** on black market used **as a contraceptive pill**. The Chinese Pill tablet packaging, labeling and patient information leaflet are in **Chinese language** except for the claimed ingredients- **Levonorgestrol and Quinestrol**.

NDA informs the public that the Chinese Pill is NOT registered NOR authorized for sale and use in Uganda.

The pill was found to **contain high doses of the hormones above the recommended dosage** and the risks associated with use of this product include among others; prolonged bleeding, irregular menstrual periods, palpitations, possibility of developing blood clots and heart diseases, abnormally thickened endometrium, a predisposing factor for endometrial cancer and infertility.

Furthermore, when consumed, the hormones stay in the body for a long time and the **adverse effects of the pill** further **manifest in babies** that are born by **mothers**. The adverse effects include secondary sexual characteristics like premature puberty.

NDA strongly warns all drug outlets or persons with immediate effect to stop stocking and sale of the Chinese Pill. NDA post market surveillance and enforcement units are on **full alert to undertake regulatory actions** against this illegality.

NDA advises the public to stop the consumption of this product whose safety and quality cannot be guaranteed. Family planning services should be sought from qualified health professionals.

The public is expected to remain vigilant and **report any suspected substandard and falsified medical products** to NDA via **Toll free line**.

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