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Safe Drugs Save Lives

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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WHO GLOBAL ALERT ON SUBSTANDARD (CONTAMINATED) PAEDIATRIC COUGH SYRUPS IDENTIFIED IN GAMBIA - WEST AFRICA

National Drug Authority (NDA) received a World Health Organisation (WHO) **medical product alert No. 6/2022** regarding four **contaminated paediatric cough syrups** reported to have caused death of children in **Gambia**.

The affected syrups manufactured by **Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited (Haryana, India)** include **Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup**. Laboratory analysis of each of these products confirmed presence of **unacceptable amounts of Diethylene Glycol and Ethylene Glycol** as contaminants which are toxic to humans when consumed and can be fatal.

National Drug Authority assures the public that **the affected products are NOT available** on the Ugandan market. NDA has **NEVER approved nor authorized sale of any products from Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited (Haryana, India)**.

National Drug Authority ensures access to **safe, efficacious and quality medicines** through **quality assurance measures** that include: Inspections of pharmaceutical manufacturers for **compliance to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)**; Review and **approval of medicine dossiers** before granting market authorization; Verification of drug consignments for importations; **Inspection of drug consignments** at ports of entry; **Inspection and licencing of pharmacies and drug shops** through the regional offices and **Testing of medicines and medical devices** in NDA **WHO accredited and ISO 17025 certified laboratory** at Mulago. After granting market authorization, NDA further undertakes **Post Market Surveillance and Pharmacovigilance**.

The public is expected to remain vigilant and **report any suspected substandard and falsified medical products** to NDA via **Toll free line 0800101999** or by sending a message on **WhatsApp to 0740002070**.

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