

# NATIONAL

# DRUG

# AUTHORITY



Safe Drugs Save Lives

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**All Importers and Distributors**

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**IMPORTATION OF HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS FOR SURGICAL / MEDICAL /  
DENTAL CAMPS**

The National Drug Authority (NDA) was established in 1993 by the National Drug Policy and Authority Statute, which in 2000 became the National Drug Policy and Authority Act, Cap 206 of the Laws of Uganda (2000 Edition) to ensure the availability at all times, of essential, efficacious and cost-effective healthcare products to the entire population of Uganda as a means of providing satisfactory healthcare and safeguarding the appropriate use of these products.

The Authority in her routine surveillance operations at the various designated ports of entry into Uganda has intercepted numerous consignments of donated healthcare products imported in contravention of *Section 44 of National Drug Policy and Authority Act, Regulations 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the National Drug Policy and Authority (Importation and Exportation of Drugs) Regulations, 2014 and Regulation 26 of the National Drug Policy and Authority (Surgical Instruments and Surgical Appliances) Regulations, 2019* and claimed to be for use in surgical/medical/dental camps.

The ramifications of this are the likely infiltration of the supply chain of either substandard and/or falsified or unregistered products can be serious to individuals, families, the national health system and economy.

Therefore, NDA hereby reminds organizers of medical camps of their responsibility to ensure that the importation of healthcare products for their camps is done in compliance with the provisions stipulated in the National Drug Policy and Authority Act and Regulations thereunder.

Inquiries and applications for import authorization can be shared on [ndaug@nda.or.ug](mailto:ndaug@nda.or.ug) or delivered to NDA Tower Plot 93 Buganda Road Kampala.

  
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**OUR MISSION**

To protect and promote human and animal health through the effective regulation of drugs and healthcare products.

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