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RAPID ALERT REGARDING FALSIFIED PHESGO CIRCULATING IN UGANDA

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Issued by: National Drug Authority

The Authority informs the **healthcare professionals, hospitals, clinics, distributors, and patients and the general public.**

Product name: PHESGO

Dosage form/device type/model: Injectable product

Strength: 600mg/600mg/10ml

Batch/Lot number: C5290S20

Manufacturing date: 01/2024

Expiry date: 01/2028

Claimed Manufacturer: F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Basel, Switzerland.

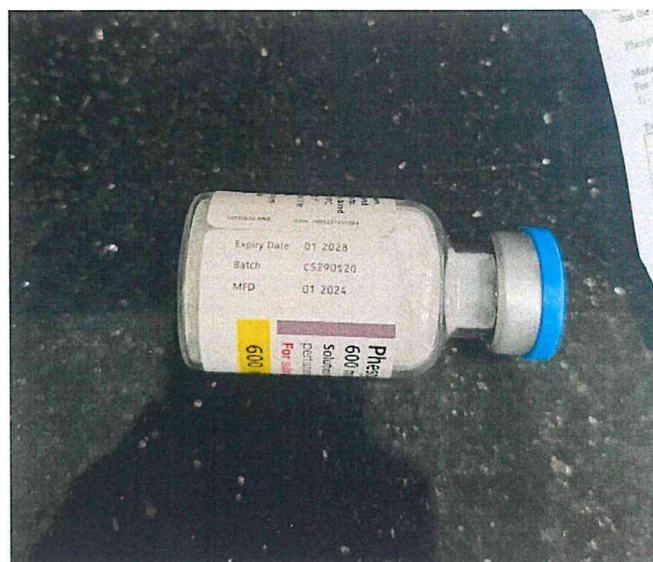
Reason for alert:

Clear evidence of counterfeiting has been confirmed. The falsified product is presented as a white lyophilized powder requiring reconstitution, which is inconsistent with genuine Roche Phesgo 600 mg/600 mg/10 mL. The genuine product is supplied as a clear to opalescent, colourless liquid solution for subcutaneous injection.

A counterfeit unit reportedly imported from India was detected on the market. However, the exact point of entry and the extent of possible circulation in Uganda are still under verification. Roche has further confirmed that the batch number in question does not correspond to a genuine Roche batch, making conventional lot tracing unfeasible.

How to identify the product:

The falsified Phesgo is labeled with batch number C5290S20. Photographs are attached below.



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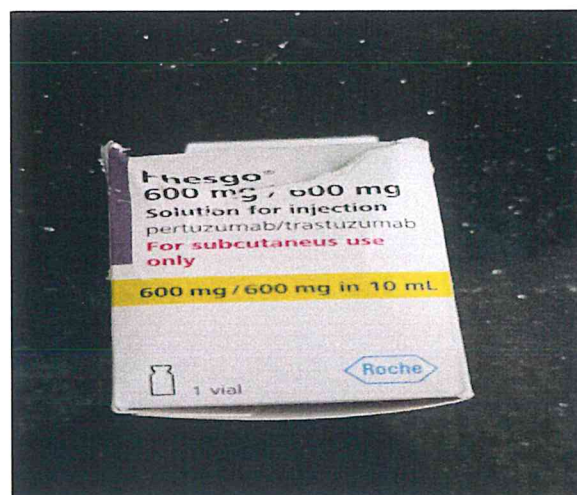
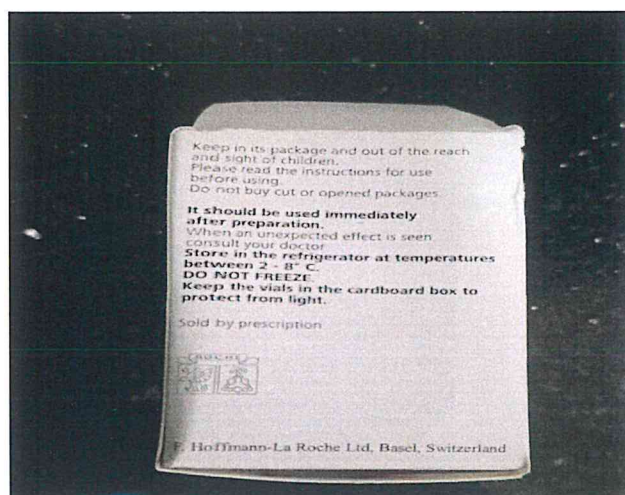
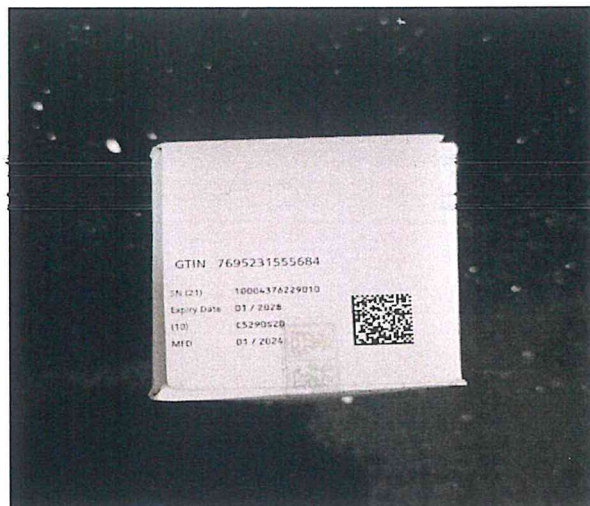
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Advice to the public/patients/healthcare professionals:

1. Please report any sightings of the white powder formulation of Phesgo or batch C5290S20 to NDA immediately so that swift enforcement action can be taken.
2. Healthcare professionals are urged to remain highly vigilant and must immediately isolate and halt the use of the falsified batch.
3. If a patient has suffered an adverse event or unexpected side effect following the administration of this product, please seek immediate medical intervention and report the adverse event to the NDA without delay.

Contact for reports and inquiries:

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