



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Pharmacy and Poisons Board

PUBLIC ALERT

**WARNING REGARDING SUSPECTED FALSIFIED THEMRA EPIMEDYUMLU
MACUN (“ASALI YA WAZEE”) MANUFACTURED BY VEYSI TOPUZ**

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) wishes to alert the public about a suspected falsified product, THEMRA Epimedyumlu Macun, manufactured by Veyisi Topuz that is believed to be in circulation within the Kenyan market. The product, commonly referred to as “*Asali ya wazee*”, is promoted for its alleged sexual enhancement properties and is claimed to be herbal and 100% natural.

Consequently, the PPB has conducted thorough tests on the honey-based product, and detected significant adulteration of the product with high levels of a conventional active pharmaceutical ingredient, known as Sildenafil, which is prescribed for management of erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension. The PPB informs the public that Sildenafil is classified as a Prescription-Only Medicine and its excessive consumption poses serious safety and health hazards.

In view of the above, the PPB strongly cautions the public against use or involvement in the trade, distribution, wholesale, retail, issuance or dispensing of this product. Any person found dealing with or distributing these products will be subjected to legal action.

Further, the PPB advises the public against use of health products that have not obtained approval from the PPB.

We encourage both the general public and healthcare providers to promptly report any suspected substandard and falsified medical products to the PPB using the following channels:

- Website: <https://pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org/users/mpublic>
- Mobile Application: mPvERS both android & iOS
- USSD code at *271#,
- Email: pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org
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