



## PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

### PRESS STATEMENT

#### WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) ALERT ON PEDIATRIC MEDICINES

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board has received a medical product alert (*RPQ/REG/ISF/Alert N°6/2022*) from the World Health Organization (WHO) on substandard medical products manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals (Haryana, India) circulating in the **Gambia Republic**.

According to WHO the laboratory analysis of the four products namely; Promethazine Oral Solution (*Manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals, India*), Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup, and Magrip N Cold Syrup, found that they contain unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants.

This is to notify the members of the public that the WHO alert is specific to medical products manufactured by **Maiden Pharmaceuticals (Haryana, India)**, and **NOT** any other manufacturing sites.

Further, the Pharmacy and Poisons would like to inform the public that the impacted products are **NOT registered** in Kenya and therefore they are **NOT available in the Kenyan market**.

We reassure the public that there is no cause for alarm as the cough preparations (syrups) and promethazine products in the Kenyan market meet the market authorization requirements on quality, safety, and efficacy as laid out by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board.

Members of the public are however advised to be vigilant at all times and report any suspected poor-quality medicines or adverse drug reactions to the nearest healthcare facility and the Pharmacy and Poisons Board through the website <https://pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org/padrs/add>, mobile application: mPvERS both android & iOS and **USSD** code at \*271# or Email: [pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org](mailto:pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org)

  
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