



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PROHIBITION OF TRADING, IMPORTING, AND HANDLING  
UNREGISTERED HEALTH PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES IN KENYA**

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (the Board) is statutorily mandated to protect the health of the public by regulating the profession of pharmacy and ensuring access to quality, safe efficacious and affordable health products and technologies.

In execution of the above mandate, the Board's attention has been drawn to an increasing influx of unregistered pharmaceutical products in the Kenyan market, particularly those referencing the Indian Pharmacopeia (IP).

**NOTE** that any pharmaceutical product that is not duly registered by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board is strictly prohibited for importation, distribution, sale, or handling in Kenya.

**FURTHER NOTE THAT**, the Indian Pharmacopeia is **NOT** within the purview of drug registration requirements in the country, and as such, products citing this standard are not compliant with Kenyan regulations.

**THEREFORE** All stakeholders are hereby directed to:

1. **Cease and desist** from trading, importing, or handling any unregistered products, including those with references to the Indian Pharmacopeia;
  2. Ensure that all pharmaceutical products in your possession are duly registered and approved by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board;
  3. Adhere to the requirements outlined in the Pharmacy and Poisons Act and any other relevant regulations.
- **TAKE NOTICE THAT**, failure to comply with this directive will attract severe regulatory actions, including but not limited to: Seizure of products, Revocation of licenses and Prosecution as stipulated under the law.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board will continue to monitor the market and take necessary enforcement actions to ensure compliance with the applicable regulatory framework.

For further clarification or to report non-compliance, please contact the Pharmacy and Poisons Board through the provided official channels [info@ppb.go.ke](mailto:info@ppb.go.ke), [practice@ppb.go.ke](mailto:practice@ppb.go.ke), [tradeaffairs@ppb.go.ke](mailto:tradeaffairs@ppb.go.ke)

Let us work together to safeguard the health and safety of all Kenyans.

  
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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