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ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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To: Distributors, Wholesalers, Retailers, Healthcare Professionals, General Public

MEDICAL PRODUCT ALERT: CARE LIQUID ON THE MARKET

The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) is a statutory body established under an Act of Parliament, the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013 of the laws of Zambia. The main mandate of ZAMRA is to regulate, and control the manufacture, importation, storage, distribution, supply, sale and use of medicines and allied substances for human and animal use for public health protection.

In light of the above, ZAMRA is concerned with the continued smuggling, sale and use of CARE Liquid/Solution by some members of the public. The product which comes in a transparent plastic bottle claims to be a multipurpose medication for a wide range of ailments including the following:

• Wounds	• Constipation
• Burns	• Insomnia
• Ring worm	• Stomach ulcers
• Chest pains & circulation system	• Sore throat
• Dysentery	• Vaginal thrush
• Diarrhoea	• Libido

The product also has labelling deficiencies such as spelling errors and lack of batch number, quantities of claimed active ingredients and dosage.

ZAMRA wishes to state that it has never granted marketing authorisation allowing the placement of this medicine on the Zambian market. This means that this medicine's quality, safety and efficacy has not been ascertained.

Therefore, ZAMRA wishes to advise the general public against the purchase and use of the said medicine as it may cause harm to the users including, exacerbation of disease. Members of the public are advised to seek medical attention from recognised healthcare facilities whenever in need of such services.

The Authority will not hesitate to prosecute any pharmaceutical outlet which will be found stocking and selling CARE Liquid/solution to unsuspecting members of the public for breach of terms and conditions of their Pharmaceutical Licence and Certificate of Registration for failure to comply with the requirement to source medicines from authorised suppliers.

Pharmaceutical outlets that are in possession of the above-mentioned product should quarantine the product and plan for safe disposal of the product.

If you suffer any adverse drug reaction/event having used this product, you are advised to seek immediate medical advice and report the incident to the National Pharmacovigilance Unit at Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority by phone: +260 211 432 356/+260 //956 521 094 or email address at: npvu@zamra.co.zm or pharmacy@zamra.co.zm.

Should the public need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.



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