



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO ALL MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDERS ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR SHARING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT MASTER DATA

9th April, 2024

In the EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) under Sections 39 and 69 of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act, 2013, the Authority has issued *Guidelines on Identification and Labeling of Medicines and Allied Substances and Master Data Sharing* in September 2023 accessible at: <https://www.zamra.co.zm/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Guidlines-of-Traceability-of-Medicines.pdf>

In order to allow for smooth scaling up of the track and trace system of medicines and allied substances, the Authority is piloting the initial phase of the track and trace system by collecting product master data as outlined in the published guideline.

As a part of this effort, the Authority is scaling up the use of the GS1 Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) for the exchange of product master data to form the basis of Zambia's National Product Catalog. The GDSN provides a secure and automated environment for sharing consistent, standards-based, up-to-date product information among trading partners. For more information on the GDSN, please see <https://www.gs1.org/gdsn>. The activity is part of support towards strengthening of Ministry of Health systems through the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project.

Therefore, the Authority would like to request your good organisation to provide us with the product master data of all pharmaceuticals (medical products) supplied by your organisation to Zambia. The data may be published to the **GLN: 6001651112870** no later than **31st May, 2024**.

Market Authorization Holders can send and receive data via the GDSN through any GDSN-certified data pool. Zambia has partnered with GS1 South Africa to support our GDSN implementation, but your organisation may choose to use any GDSN-certified data pool. A full list of those organisations can be found at <https://www.gs1.org/gdsn/certified-data-pools>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for any clarifications by email at: pharmacy@zamra.co.zm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Makomani Siyanga', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Makomani Siyanga (Mr.)

DIRECTOR-GENERAL