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*“Updates on Substandard and Falsified (SF) and unregistered medical products”*

**WSR**

During the week of 13th to 17th April 2026, six (6) distinct types of unregistered medicinal products, comprising both tablets and syrups, were seized at the Namanga and Mutukula One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP). These medical supplies were intercepted while being illegally imported from Kenya and Uganda, respectively.

On 17th April 2026, TMDA at the Namanga One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) successfully intercepted a shipment of unregistered medicinal products. The seizure included Cypro B Plus tablets (containing Cyproheptadine hydrochloride 4mg, B vitamins, and minerals) and Cypro B Plus syrup (Cyproheptadine fortified with Vitamin B-Complex), as detailed in Table 1 below.

	<b>Cypro B Plus</b>	<b>Cypro B Plus</b>
<b>Dosage Form</b>	Tablets (30s)	Syrup (200mL)
<b>Quantity</b>	50 Packs	20 Bottles
<b>Manufacturer (Claimed)</b>	Fredun Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Enicar Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd
<b>Batch Details</b>	EB0010; EXP: 01/2027	GE90277; EXP: 10/2027

These medicines were being imported into the country through a coach route to Dar es Salaam.





**Photo 1: Cypro B Plus Tablets and Cypro B Plus Syrup, claimed to be manufactured by Fredun Pharmaceuticals Ltd, India and Enicar Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., India, respectively, intercepted at Namanga OSBP on 17th April 2026.**

Since these products are not registered with the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), their safety, quality, and efficacy have not been verified. The use of the same brand name for products (Photo 1) claiming different origins suggests a high probability of Substandard and Falsified (SF) medical products.

While Cyproheptadine is an antihistamine, it is frequently diverted and sold illegally as an “appetite stimulant” for weight gain. When combined with B-vitamins in unregistered formulations, there is a significant risk of unknown impurities, adverse effects in the form of excessive sedation, dizziness, and potential liver toxicity if the “minerals” or “vitamins” included are not as labelled.

The seizure at the Mutukula OSBP is particularly concerning due to the volume of antibiotics (Ampicillin) and the inclusion of veterinary/specialized injectables (Ivermectin, Oxytocin, Noralgin) (Table 2).

Product Name	Active Ingredient	Quantity	Dosage Form
Ampicillin	Antibiotic (250 mg)	40,000 Caps	Capsules
Iverchem/Nutri-Ivermec	Ivermectin 1%	217 Vials	Injection (50mL)
Nutri-Tocin 10	Oxytocin (10 IU)	100 Vials	Injection (50mL)
No-vachem	Noralgin 50%	200 Vials	Injection (100mL)
Vitamax Plus	Oligo Elements	200 Vials	Injection

The lack of a cold chain for injectables during bus transport poses a severe risk of product degradation.

Ampicillin and piroxicam capsules (Photo 3) were being transported by an Isamilo bus with Reg. No. .... en route from Mtukula to Bukoba, while the veterinary products were intercepted on a coach travelling from Uganda to ....

The illegal importation of 40,000 capsules of Ampicillin is a major public health threat. Unregulated distribution of antibiotics directly contributes to the development of drug-resistant bacteria in the community. Products like Oxytocin are highly heat-sensitive.

50ml

# IVERCHEM

Ivermectin Injection 1%

**FOR VETERINARY USE ONLY**

**Withdrawal days:**  
 Sheep 21 days, Cattle 28 days,  
 Milk 7 days.

**Precaution:**  
 Keep out of reach of children.

**Storage:**  
 Stored below 25°C and protected  
 from light.

**Batch No.:** 250912S  
**Mfg. Date:** 09/2025  
**Exp. Date:** 09/2028

**Exported by:**  
 Hebei Sinoah Pharm-Tech  
 Co.,Ltd.China  
 No.266 Tianshan Street, High-tech  
 Park, Shijiazhuang City, China

**Composition:**  
 Each ml contains 10mg of Ivermectin  
 and 9mg of Benzyl alcohol.

**Indications:**  
 The injection is mainly applied  
 to treat domestic animal's  
 diseases of gastrointestinal  
 nematodes. *Hypoderma bovis*,  
*Hypoderma lineatum*, sheep  
 nose bot, *Psoroptes ovis*,  
*Sarcoptes scabiei*, var.suis,  
*Sarcoptes ovis* and the like.

**Administration and dosage:**  
**Cattle, Camel:**  
 1 ml per 50kg body wt.  
**Sheep, Goats:**  
 0.15 ml per 25 kg body wt.  
**Rabbits,Poultry:**  
 0.15 ml per animal.

100ml

# NOVACHEM

Novalgin Injection 50%

**FOR VETERINARY USE ONLY**

**NOVACHEM**  
**Novalgin Injection 50%**  
**Composition:**  
 Each ml contains Novalgin 500mg.  
 (Noramidopyrine Methanesulfonate Sodium  
 500mg/ml Preservative: Benzyl alcohol 0.5%)

**Indications:**  
 It is indicated for relief of pain associated  
 with various forms of colic of various  
 etiologies and other spastic conditions  
 of the abdominal organs, for acute and  
 chronic arthritis, serositis, rheumatic  
 conditions of muscles and joints, neuritis,  
 neuralgia, tendovaginitis and other  
 diseases involving high fever and/or  
 inflammation processes in calves, cattle,  
 sheep, goats, swine and dogs.

**Administration and dosage:**  
 For intramuscular administration.  
**Cattle:** 8 ml per 100 kg of  
 body weight.  
**Calves:** 8 - 10 ml per 100 kg  
 body weight.  
**Swine, sheep, goats:** 15 - 20 ml per  
 100 kg body weight.  
**Dogs:** 1.4 - 2 ml per 10 kg  
 body weight.

The dose may be repeated if necessary.  
 Note: Novachem can be used safely during  
 gestation and lactation.

100 gram

# Nutri-egg WS

Product for oral administration - For veterinary use only

**COMPOSITION:**  
 Contains per gram:  
 Spectroscopic antibiotics  
 Vitamin A, retinol acetate  
 Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, cholecalciferol  
 Vitamin E, tocopherol acetate  
 Vitamin K<sub>3</sub>, menadiol sodium bisulfite  
 Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, thiamine hydrochloride  
 Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, riboflavin  
 Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, pyridoxine hydrochloride  
 Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, cyanocobalamin  
 Calcium pantothenate  
 Vitamin C, ascorbic acid  
 Calcium carbonate  
 Carrier ad.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Nutri-egg WS is a highly effective combination of broad-spectrum antibiotics and vitamins. It is used as a clinical supplement during periods of disease and stress. It is effective against gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary infections caused by *Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Mycoplasma*, *Mycobacterium*, *Brucella*, *Campylobacter*, *Chlamydia*, *E. coli*, *Haemophilus*, *Salmonella*, *Mycobacterium*, *Rickettsia*, *Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus* and *Streptococcus* spp. in calves, goats, sheep, poultry and swine.

**INDICATIONS:**  
 Nutri-egg WS is a highly effective combination of broad-spectrum antibiotics and vitamins. The product stimulates egg production, increases growth, improves feed conversion and used as a clinical supplement during periods of disease and stress. It is effective against gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary infections caused by *Escherichia coli*, *Streptococcus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Mycoplasma*, *Mycobacterium*, *Brucella*, *Campylobacter*, *Chlamydia*, *E. coli*, *Haemophilus*, *Salmonella*, *Mycobacterium*, *Rickettsia*, *Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus* and *Streptococcus* spp. in calves, goats, sheep, poultry and swine.

**ADMINISTRATION AND DOSAGE:**  
 For oral administration:  
 - Poultry and swine:  
 Prevention: 1 kg per 2000 litres of drinking water for 5 - 7 days.  
 Treatment: 1 kg per 1000 litres of drinking water for 5 - 7 days.  
 - Cattle, sheep and goats: 1 gram per 5 kg body weight during 5 - 7 days.  
 Note: For pre-weaned calves, lambs and kids only.

**WITHDRAWAL PERIOD:**  
 Meat: 7 days.  
 Eggs: 1 day.

**STORAGE:**  
 Store in a dry place below 30°C, protect from light.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**BATCH NO:** 251133  
**MFG. DATE:** 11/2025  
**EXP. DATE:** 11/2028

Holland

50ml

IOT10E

**PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY  
 KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
 FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY**

# Nutri-Tocin-10

Oxytocin Injection 10IU

**SIDE EFFECTS:**  
 Only with overdoses:  
 A short-lived vasodilatation and blood  
 pressure lowering.  
 Hyperstimulation uteri through which  
 the uterus contracts more often and  
 longer.  
 In a state of spasm of the uterus  
 oxygen supply of the foetus can be  
 put in danger.  
 Water retention.  
 Influencing foetal circulation.

**WITHDRAWAL PERIOD:**  
 - For meat: 1 day.  
 - For milk: 1 day.

**STORAGE:**  
 Store in a dry place below 30°C,  
 protect from light.

50ml

**COMPOSITION:**  
 Each ml contains:  
 Oxytocin (synthetic).....10IU  
 Solvents ad.....1ml

**INDICATIONS:**  
 Labour weakness, promotion of  
 involutio uteri, retentio secundinarum,  
 uterus atonia, uterus haemorrhages  
 and treatment of agalactia post  
 partum.

**ADMINISTRATION AND DOSAGE:**  
 For intramuscular or subcutaneous  
 administration:  
 Mares and cows: 4 - 5 ml.  
 Sows: 2 - 4 ml.  
 Ewes and goats: 1 - 3 ml.

**CONTRA-INDICATIONS:**

50ml

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**PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY  
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# Nutri-Ivermec

Ivermectin Injection 1%

**Nutrivet B.V.**  
 Wildwal 4  
 5509 KD,  
 Veldhoven  
 Holland  
 www.nutri-vet.nl

Holland

**COMPOSITION:**  
 Each ml contains:  
 Ivermectin.....10mg  
 Solvents ad.....1ml

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Ivermectin belongs to the group of  
 avermectins and acts against  
 roundworms and parasites.

**INDICATIONS:**  
 Treatment of gastrointestinal  
 roundworms, lice, lungworm infections,  
 oestriasis and scabies in calves, cattle,  
 sheep and swine.

**ADMINISTRATION AND DOSAGE:**  
 For subcutaneous administration.  
**Calves, cattle and sheep:** 1 ml per 50 kg  
 body weight.  
**Swine:** 1 ml per 33 kg body weight.

**CONTRA-INDICATIONS:**  
 Administration to lactating animals.

100 gram

# Nutriseryl WS

Product for oral administration - For veterinary use only

**COMPOSITION:**  
 Contains per gram powder:  
 Erythromycin thiosuccinate.....20mg  
 Oxytetracycline hydrochloride.....20mg  
 Streptomycin sulphate.....200mg  
 Vitamin A, retinol acetate.....20000IU  
 Vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, cholecalciferol.....15000IU  
 Vitamin E, tocopherol acetate.....20mg  
 Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, thiamine hydrochloride.....2mg  
 Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, riboflavin.....4mg  
 Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, pyridoxine hydrochloride.....1mg  
 Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, cyanocobalamin.....100µg  
 Vitamin C, ascorbic acid.....100mg  
 Calcium pantothenate.....2mg  
 Vitamin K<sub>3</sub>, menadiol sodium bisulfite.....2mg  
 Nicotinamide.....1mg  
 Inositol.....1mg  
 Carrier ad.....1g

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**ADMINISTRATION AND DOSAGE:**  
 For oral administration:  
 - Poultry and swine:  
 Prevention: 1 kg per 2000 litres of drinking water for 5 - 7 days.  
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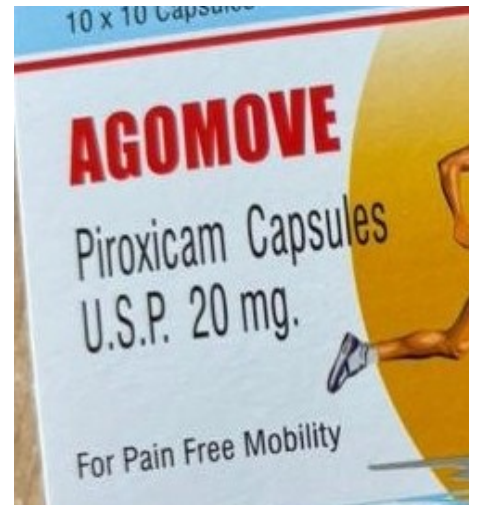
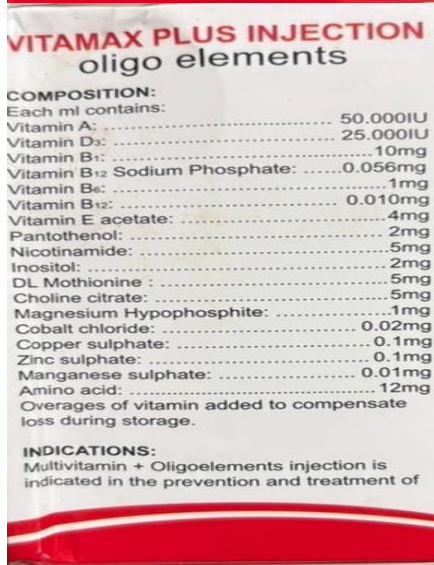
**WITHDRAWAL PERIOD:**  
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**STORAGE:**  
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**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

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**Photo 3: Ampicillin capsules 250 mg and Piroxicam (Agomove) capsules intercepted at Mutukula OSBP on 17th April 2026 on Isamilo Bus en route to Mwanza from Mutukula.**

None of these consignments contained detailed information regarding the supplier or the consignee. A mobile phone number was the only means of contact provided, significantly hindering efforts to trace those responsible. Compounding the issue, the transporters claimed to possess no further details about the intended recipients. All consignments have been confiscated and are currently held at the respective customs offices. The bus conductors involved were ar-

rested and subsequently released on bail, while investigations remain ongoing to apprehend the consignees. The Authority continues to warn the public against purchasing or consuming any medicinal product that does not appear in the official register. If you encounter any suspicious or unregistered products, they should be reported immediately to the nearest TMDA office or via the toll-free number 0800110084.



**Photo 2: Nutri-Ivermec (Ivermectin Inj) 1% 50mL, NUTRI-TOCIN 10 (Oxytocin Inj) 50mL, Iverchem (Ivermectin Inj) 1%, Novachem (Noralgin Inj) 50% 100mL, Nutriseryl WS, Nutri -Egg WS and Vitamax Plus (Oligo Elements) Injection intercepted at Mutukula OSBP on 17th April 2026.**

During the week of 13th to 16th April 2026, one (1) falsified medicine, four (4) type of substandard medicines, two (2) type of substandard medical devices, 381 distinct types of unregistered medicinal products comprising of injectables, tablets, creams, sprays and syrups and 112 distinct types of unregistered medical devices were seized during the special operation which was conducted in Dar es Salaam Region.

The falsified medicine which was seized was Deep Heat Spray purported to be manufactured by Collep Laupheim GmbH & Co. KG-Germany on 22nd June, 2025 and expiring on 21st June, 2029. This medicine had no indication of Batch Number and the bottle had a red nozzle.



**Photo 1: Falsified Deep Heat Spray**

Substandard medicines which were seized during the special operation included Budecort inhaler (Budesonide Inhaler 100mcg/dose, Batch No.5GB1889 which was manufactured by Cipla Ltd-India in August, 2025 and had an expiry date of July, 2027.



**Photo 2: Substandard Budecort Inhaler**

The most common seized unregistered medicines during the special operation are as they appear under Table 1.



Product Name	Dosage Form	Quantity	Manufacturer (Claimed)	Batch Details
Celestasafe tablets	Betamethasone 0.25mg + Dexachlorpheniramine 2mg	2,090 tables	Mabix Healthcare LLP(India)	AET25213
Vega tablets	Sildenafil Citrate 100mg Tablets	39,951 tablets	Signature Limited	
Balcon tablets	Baclofen BP 10mg	556 tablets	Mfg by: Unicare Remedies Pvt Ltd, F/25, BIDC Estate, Gorwa, Baroda 390016 For: Metro Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Nairobi, Kenya	E21525003
Fermiclean Kit Tablets	Combipack of Mifepristone 1 tablet of 200mg IP and Misoprostol 4 Tablets of 200mcg IP	119 kits	Mancare Laboratories Pvt Limited, India (Marketed by Alto Healthcare Pvt Limited.	Master Batch No.MHT25145
Celabet tablets	Betamethasone 0.25mg + Dexachlorpheniramine 2mg	30 tablets	HOF Pharmaceutical Limited, India	677

These medicines were imported into the country through unofficial port of entries.



**Photo 3: Celabet and Celestasafe tablets**



**Photo 4: Vega tablets**



**Photo 5: Balcon (Baclofenac BP) 10mg tablets**



**Photo 6: Femiclean Kits**

Since these products are not registered with the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), their safety, quality, and efficacy have not been verified.

Product Name	Manufacturer	Quantity
Electronic Blood Pressure Monitor	Not indicated	38pcs
Mama Delivery Pack	B&J Company Limited, Gongola Mboto (Kichangani Street), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	34 Boxes
Neema Delivery Kit	Jimmy Pharmacy, Mtwara, Tanzania	46
Examination Gloves		
First Aid Kits		

The photographs of the seized unregistered medical devices were as indicated below.



**Photo 7: Electronic BP Machines**



**Photo 8: Mama Deliver Kit and Neema Delivery Kit**

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