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

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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.

	Cypro B Plus	Cypro B Plus
Dosage Form	Tablets (30s)	Syrup (200mL)
Quantity	50 Packs	20 Bottles
Manufacturer (Claimed)	Fredun Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Enicar Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd
Batch Details	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 route from Mtukula to Bukoba, while the veterinary products were intercepted on a coach travelling from Uganda .

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:
 Spectinomycin hydrochloride
 Vitamin A, retinol acetate
 Vitamin D₃, cholecalciferol
 Vitamin E, tocopherol acetate
 Vitamin K₁, menadiol sodium bisulfite
 Vitamin B₁, thiamine hydrochloride
 Vitamin B₂, riboflavin
 Vitamin B₆, pyridoxine hydrochloride
 Vitamin B₁₂, cyanocobalamin
 Calcium pantothenate
 Vitamin C, ascorbic acid
 Nicotinamide
 Carrier ad.

DESCRIPTION:
 Nutri-egg WS is a highly effective combination of broad-spectrum antibiotics and vitamins. The product stimulates growth, increases feed conversion and is used as a stress supplement during periods of disease and stress. It is effective against gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary infections caused by coccidia, cryptosporidia, cryptosporidiosis and streptococci in other micro-organisms, like Bordetella, Corynebacterium, Chlamydia, E. coli, Haemophilus, Klebsiella, Mycoplasma, Pasteurella, Ricettia, Salmonella, Staphylococcus and Streptococcus spp. in calves, goats, sheep, poultry and swine.

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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.
 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.: 2511533
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
 KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
 FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY**

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.....200mg
 Streptomycin sulphate.....200mg
 Colistin sulphate.....200mg
 Vitamin A, retinol acetate.....10000IU
 Vitamin E, tocopherol acetate.....200mg
 Vitamin B₁, thiamine hydrochloride.....2mg
 Vitamin B₂, riboflavin.....45mg
 Vitamin B₆, pyridoxine hydrochloride.....15mg
 Vitamin B₁₂, cyanocobalamin.....150mg
 Vitamin C, ascorbic acid.....100mg
 Calcium pantothenate.....20mg
 Vitamin K₁, menadiol sodium bisulfite.....2mg
 Nicotinamide.....10mg
 Inositol.....10mg
 Carrier ad.....1g

INDICATIONS:
 Nutriseryl 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 stress supplement during periods of diseases and stress. It is effective against gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary infections caused by coccidia, cryptosporidia, cryptosporidiosis and streptococci in other micro-organisms, like Bordetella, Corynebacterium, Chlamydia, E. coli, Haemophilus, Klebsiella, Mycoplasma, Pasteurella, Ricettia, Salmonella, Staphylococcus and Streptococcus spp. in calves, goats, sheep, poultry and swine.

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Holland

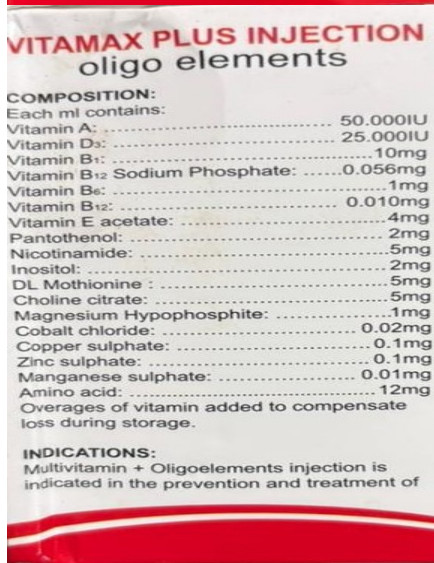
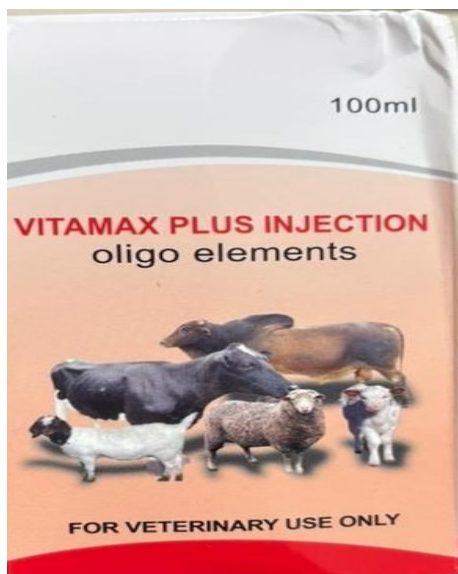


Photo 3: Ampicillin capsules 250 mg and Piroxicam (Agomove) capsules intercepted at Mutukula OSBP on 17th April 2026 on Isamilo Bus en route to Mwanza from Mutukula.

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.