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

Between 27th April - 1st May, 2026, four (4) different types of unregistered medical devices, including blood collection needles to haemodialysis consumables, were seized at the Tarakea and Namanga One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP). These medical devices were intercepted during illegal importation from Kenya.

Inspectors from the TMDA at the Namanga One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) successfully intercepted a shipment of unregistered multiple sample blood collection needles, as detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Unregistered medical devices seized at Namanga OSBP

SN	BRAND NAME	COMMON NAME	MANUFACTURER NAME	BATCH NO/SERIAL/LOT NO.	DATE OF MANUFACTURE	DATE OF EXPIRY	QUANTITY
1	Multiple sample blood collection needle	blood collection needle	China	20250916	16/09/2025	15/09/2030	10 packs @100 pieces

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The seizure of haemodialysis consumables at the Tarakea OSBP on 23rd April is particularly concerning due to the critical life-saving role of haemodialysis and the severe risks posed by consumables that fail to meet quality, safety, and performance standards. (Table 2).

SN	BRAND NAME	COMMON NAME	MANUFACTURER NAME	BATCH NO/SERIAL/LOT NO.	DATE OF MANUFACTURE	DATE OF EXPIRY	QUANTITY
1	High Flux Polyethersulfone Hollow Fiber Hemodialyzer	Hemodialyzer	Lepu Medical, Netherlands	251248	17/12/2025	16/12/2028	88 pieces
2	High Flux Polyethersulfone Hollow Fiber Hemodialyzer	Hemodialyzer	CMC Medical Devices & Drugs S.L Malaga Spain.	H12-T241227	12/2024	11/2027	88 pieces
3	Haemodialysis Bicarbonate Cartridge	Haemodialysis Bicarbonate Cartridge	Hemocare	BT25052001T	05/2025	05/2027	160 cartridges

The consignments lacked specific information about the supplier and the consignee, making it difficult to trace those responsible. Additionally, the transporters stated they had 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 arrested and subsequently released on bail, while investigations into apprehending the consignees remain ongoing.

Attempting to illegally import these vital products is a serious violation of medical safety rules and directly endangers vulnerable patients. Since dialysis functions as an artificial kidney, any decline in equipment quality or sterility can cause severe health problems.

The Authority continues to warn the public against purchasing or using any medical devices and diagnostics that do not appear in the official register. If you encounter any suspicious or unregistered products, report them immediately to the nearest TMDA office or via the toll-free number 0800110084.



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