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

TMDA is mandated by law to regulate the quality, safety, efficacy, and performance of medicines, medical devices, and diagnostics to safeguard the public health. Among the key regulatory functions, TMDA do conduct surveillance of regulated products circulating in market to ensure that no substandard, falsified, or unregistered product is allowed to be sold to consumers.

Between 4th and 8th May 2026, two (2) types of unregistered medical devices, namely surgical sutures and blood glucose test strips, were confiscated in the TMDA Southern Zone and Eastern Lake Zone, respectively. These medical devices, specifically the blood glucose test strips, were found in the pharmacy. Further details on the seized products are provided in the table below.



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SN	BRAND NAME	COMMON NAME	MANUFACTURER NAME	BATCH NO/ SERIAL/ LOT NO.	DATE OF MANUFACTURE	DATE OF EXPIRY	QUANTITY
1	CHROMIC CATGUT	Surgical sutures	Angel Biogenics Pvt. Ltd, India	-	-	-	12 pieces
2	GLUCO PLUS STRIPS	Blood glucose monitoring strips	GlucoPlus Inc., Canada	GLD4C123	12/2024	12/2026	-

The unregistered surgical sutures, whose quality, safety, and performance have not been verified, pose significant clinical risks, including infection, improper wound healing, and potential complication due to failure of the suture material used in wound management.

On the other hand, blood glucose test strips compromise patient safety by providing inaccurate glycemic data, which can lead to profound clinical mismanagement, including incorrect medication adjustments, delayed treatment, and increased risk of complications such as hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia.

All consignments have been seized and are currently held at the respective Zonal offices. An investigation into the importers of these products is ongoing to prevent their further presence in the market.

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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