

WEEKLY SURVEILLANCE REPORT



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

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Substandard and falsified medical products can have severe health consequences, including treatment failure, disease progression and prolonged illness, toxicity and harmful adverse effects, increased antimicrobial resistance, loss of public trust in healthcare systems and increased healthcare expenditure and economic losses.

TMDA emphasizes that ensuring the availability of safe, quality and effective medical products is essential for protecting public health in Tanzania. In lieu to the above emphasis, TMDA implements various strategies to prevent, detect and respond to substandard and falsified medical products through:

- Strengthening regulatory frameworks and enforcement systems;
- Conducting inspections of manufacturers, importers, distributors and healthcare facilities;
- Carrying out post-marketing surveillance and laboratory testing of medical products;
- Monitoring medicine supply chains and distribution systems;
- Issuing safety alerts, recalls and regulatory actions where necessary;
- Collaborating with local and international stakeholders and regulatory authorities;
- Enhancing public awareness on the dangers of purchasing medicines from unauthorized sources; and
- Promoting the use of technological solutions and traceability systems to improve monitoring and detection.



Photo 1: Unregistered Caroxicam manufactured by Nshanxi xinyitong Pharmaceutical Co Ltd, China confiscated on 4th May 2026 at Nsimbo District.

Inspectors from the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) at the Western Zone, during routine Post Marketing Inspection confiscated five (5) unregistered medicines namely Dometcap,

Caroxicam, Robb, Vega and Cetrizz; and one falsified medicinal product namely Bromidium as detailed in Table 1 & 2 below.

Table 1: List of unregistered Medicines Seized at Western Zone

Product Name	Dosage Form	Quantity	Manufacturer (Claimed)	Batch Details
Dometcap	Capsules	252	Shanxi xinyitong Pharmaceutica CO ltd-China	YC240810; EXP: 08/2027
Caroxicam	Capsules	228	Shanxi xinyitong Pharmaceutical CO ltd-China	240925; EXP 09/2027
Robb	Ointment	1	China	20251008; EXP: 10/2030
Vega 100	Tablets	8	Signature	VR912; EXP 10/2028
Cetrizz	Tablets	220	Claroid Pharmaceutical PVT. LTD-India	ADOAB23002; EXP 05/2026



Photo 2: Unregistered Vega 100 manufactured by Signature Pharmaceuticals, confiscated at Nsimbo District.



Photo 3: Unregistered Robb Cream manufactured by China confiscated at Nsimbo District.



Each uncoated tablet contains:
 Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 10 mg
 Excipients QS

Dosage : As directed by the Physician.

Storage : Store below 30°C,
 Protect from heat & moisture.

KEEP MEDICINE OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

Mfg. Lic. No.: G/25/2448
 Batch No.: ADOAB23002
 Mfg. Date : 06/2023
 Exp. Date : 05/2026

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Photo 4: Unregistered Cetrizz manufactured by Claroid Pharmaceuticals PVT Ltd, confiscated at Nsimbo District.

The above listed unregistered medicines coupled with photo No. 1 to 5 and below listed falsified medicine and respective photo No. 6 were intercepted during routine market surveillance from the Western Zone.

Product Name	Dosage Form	Quantity	Manufacturer (Claimed)	Batch Details
Bromidium	Tablets	100	Cipla Manufacturers, India	022/14



Photo 5: Bromidium claimed to be manufactured by Cipla Manufacturers, India

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

From Southern Highland Zone, during the routine surveillance which covered one week from 11th to 15th May a total of three (3) unregistered medicinal products were intercepted and reported as per table 3 below and photo 6 to 8.

Table 3: List of unregistered Medicines Seized at Southern Zone

Product Name	Manufacturer	Batch NO	Quantity	Dosage Form
Disaar gel	Nantong Lion Menthol Product Factory		29	Gel
Primont-N	Danush Health Care (P) Ltd.	25011	8	Tablets
Vega 100	Signature		125	Tablets



01. Disaar gel

Photo No. 6: Unregistered Disaar Gel



03. Vega 100

Photo No. 7: Unregistered Vega 100



02. Primont - N tablets.

Photo No. 8: Unregistered Primont N

The above listed unregistered medicines were intercepted during the routine inspection at Mtwara Town Council and District Council. Being unregistered, implies that the quality of such medicines is not known. Unregistered medicines pose a severe threat to public health by introducing products with unknown quality, efficacy, and safety into the supply chain. These medications frequently cause adverse drug reactions, treatment failures, or poisoning, as they bypass essential regulatory evaluations.

All falsified, substandard and unregistered medicines

were confiscated and will be disposed at owner's cost. Charges were opened at police post for those who were found with falsified products and fines were imposed for those found with unregistered products.

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**.

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