



Issue No. 07

25th - 31st, May, 2026

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

WSR

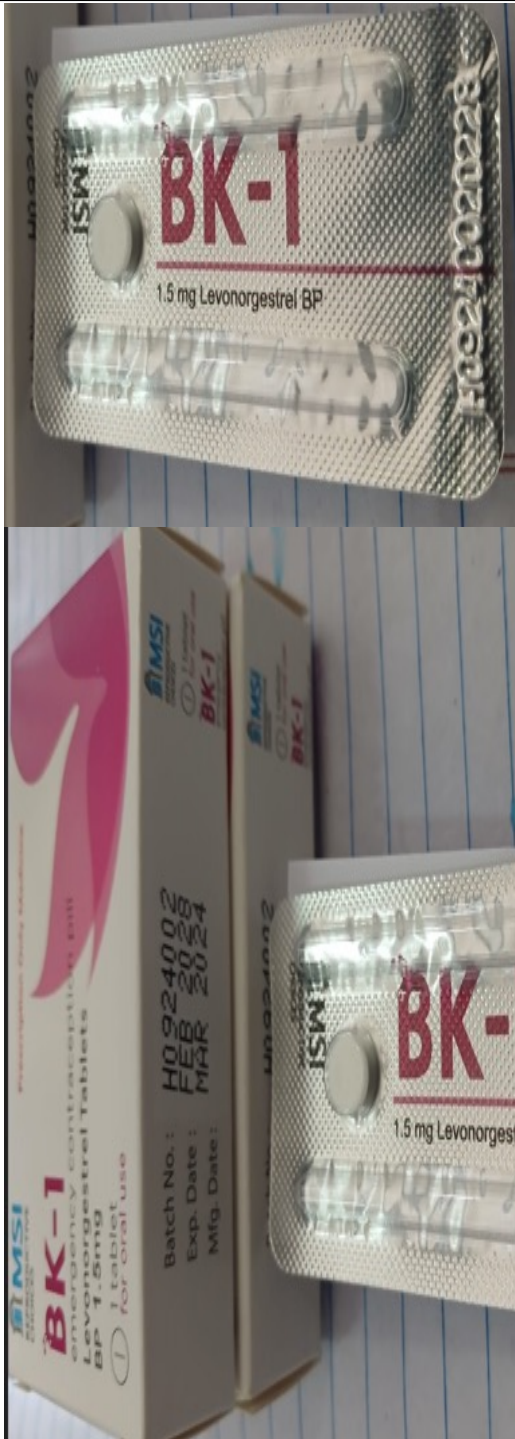


Photo 1: Substandard BK-1 (Levonorgestrel BP 1.5mg) claimed to be manufactured by Renata Limited, Bangladesh

Substandard and falsified (SF) medical products pose severe threats to public health, leading to treatment failure, disease progression, toxicity, and increased antimicrobial resistance. Furthermore, they erode public trust in healthcare systems and trigger substantial economic losses.

To protect public health in Tanzania, the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) is committed to ensuring that all medical products are safe, effective, and of high quality.

To achieve this, TMDA implements robust strategies to prevent, detect, and respond to SF products by:

- Strengthening regulatory frameworks and enforcement mechanisms.
- Inspecting manufacturing sites, importers, distributors, and healthcare facilities.
- Conducting post-marketing surveillance and rigorous laboratory testing.
- Monitoring medicine supply chains and distribution networks.
- Issuing timely safety alerts, product recalls, and regulatory sanctions when necessary.
- Collaborating with local and international stakeholders and regulatory peers.
- Educating the public on the dangers of purchasing medicines from unauthorized sources.
- Deploying technological solutions and traceability systems to enhance monitoring and detection.

TMDA Intercepts a Substandard Medicinal Product in the Northern Zone

During a routine inspection at Moshi Municipal Council, TMDA's Northern Zone inspectors intercepted a substandard medicinal product, BK-1 (Levonorgestrel BP 1.5mg). A total of 6,268 tablets were seized. Investigation revealed a labelling non-compliance on the primary pack, where the batch number and expiry date are joined (Primary pack – Batch No. & Exp Date: H09240020228, Secondary Pack - BN: H0924002, MD: 3/2024; EXP. date: 02/2028). Conversely, the secondary pack complies with all requirements regarding the batch number, manufacturing date, and expiry date (see Photo 1).

TMDA Intercepts 14 Unregistered Medicinal Products in the Western Zone

Similarly, during an inspection in Kigoma Municipal from May 11–17, 2026, TMDA’s Western Zone inspectors intercepted and confiscated 14 unregistered medicinal products (detailed in Table 2 below).

Table 2: List of unregistered medicinal products intercepted in the Western Zone

S/N	Product Name	Dosage Form	Qty	Manufacturer (Claimed)	Batch Details
1.	Ampiclo-Dawa (Ampicillin/Cloxacillin 90mg/0.6ml)	Drop	39	Dawa Limited - Kenya	2507260; Exp:06/2028
2.	Neurobion Forte (Vitamin B Complex)	Tablets	270	Procter & Gamble Health Limited - India	5289C83904; Exp: 03/2027
3.	Robb (Methyl Salicylate)	Ointment	5	China	20251008; Exp: 10/2030
4.	Vega 100 (Sildenafil Citrate 100mg)	Tablets	711	Signature	Vr910; Exp 9/2028
5.	Celestasafe (Betamethasone 0.25mg/Dex-chlorpheniramine Maleate 2mg)	Tablets	304	Ambix Healthcare LLP- India	Aet25213; Exp 10/2028
6.	Mucolyn (Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide 5mg, Ammonium Chloride 50mg, Chlorpheniramine Maleate 2 Mg, Brom-hexine Hydrochloride BP 4 Mg)	Syrup	25	Beta Healthcare International Limited, Kenya	2311153; Exp: 10/2026
7.	DIX (Digoxin 0.25 Mg)	Tablets	340	Agog Pharma Limited, India	T43024; Exp: 4/2027
8.	Celecine (Betamethasone 0.25mg/Dex-chlorpheniramine Maleate 2mg)	Tablets	180	Hab Pharmaceutical and Research Ltd, India	1317-04; Exp: 4/2027
9.	Dexasona (Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate 4mg/1ml)	Injection	48	Tianjin King York Group Hubei Tian Yao Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd, China	250807; Exp: 8/2028
10.	Contractubex (Heparin Sodium 5000I.U, Allantoin 1g/100g)	Ointment	4	Marcyrl Pharmaceutical Industries - Egypt	2550243; Exp:1/2028
11.	Kenadion-1 (Phytomenadione 1mg/0.5ml)	Injection	50	Samarth Life Sciences Pvt Ltd - India	IPMDAK504; Exp: 6/2027
12.	Malart-60 (Artesunate 60mg)	Injection	3	Syncom Formulations (I) Ltd - India	65000; Exp: 12/2027
13.	Epiderm Cream	Cream	1	Shalina Laboratories Pvt Ltd - India	5373372; Exp: 08/2028
14.	Quinine-600	Injection	426	Scott-Edil Pharmaceuticals PVT Ltd - India	XA5G025; Exp: 08/2028

Photos 2 to 15 below show some of the confiscated unregistered medicinal products.



Photo 2: Unregistered Ampiclo-Dawa claimed to be manufactured by Dawa Limited, Kenya, confiscated at Kigoma Municipal

Photo 3: Unregistered Neurobion forte, claimed to be manufactured by Procter & Gamble Health Limited, India, confiscated at Kigoma Municipal



Photo 4: Unregistered Robb claimed to be made in China, confiscated at Kigoma Municipal



Photo 5: Un-registered Vega 100 claimed to be manufactured by Signature, confiscated at Kigoma Municipal

Photo 6: Quinine-600 claimed to be manufactured by Scott-Edil Pharmaceuticals PVT Ltd – India, confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

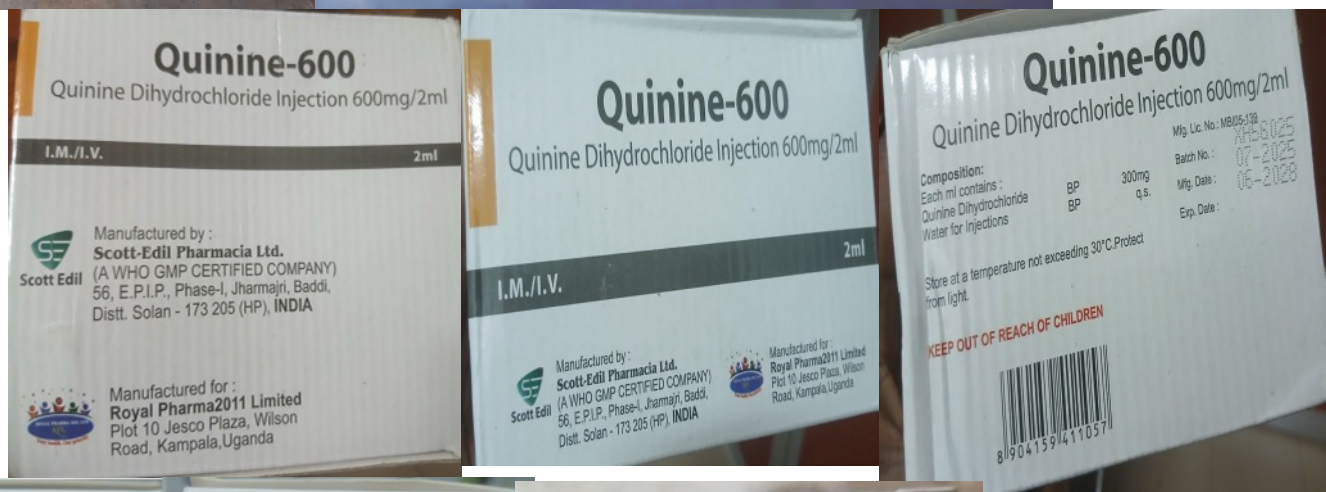


Photo 7: Celestasafe, claimed to be manufactured by Ambix Healthcare LLP-India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

Photo 9: Unregistered DIX, claimed to be manufactured by Agog Pharma Limited, India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

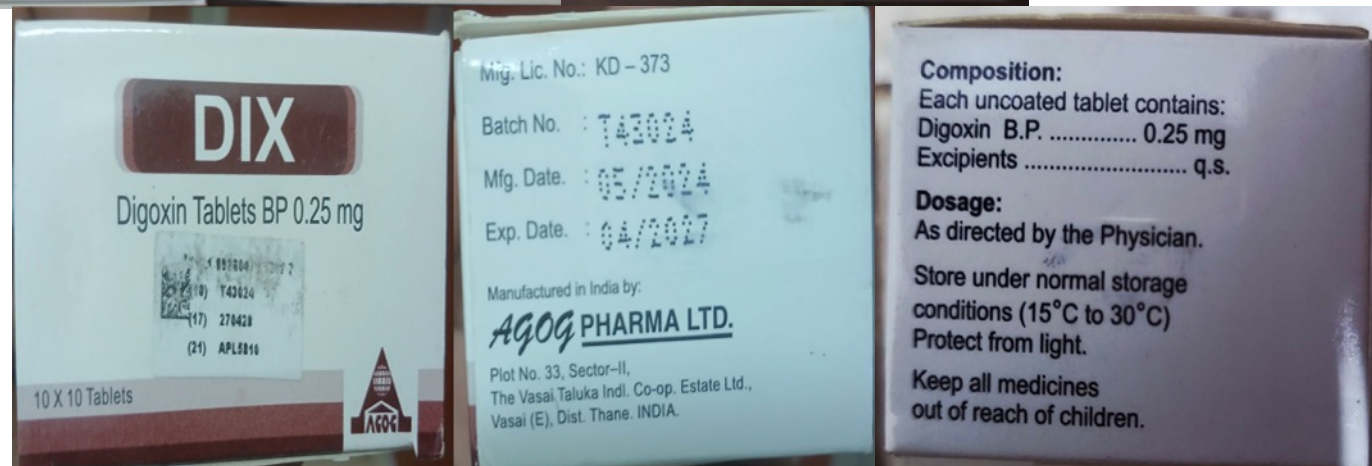
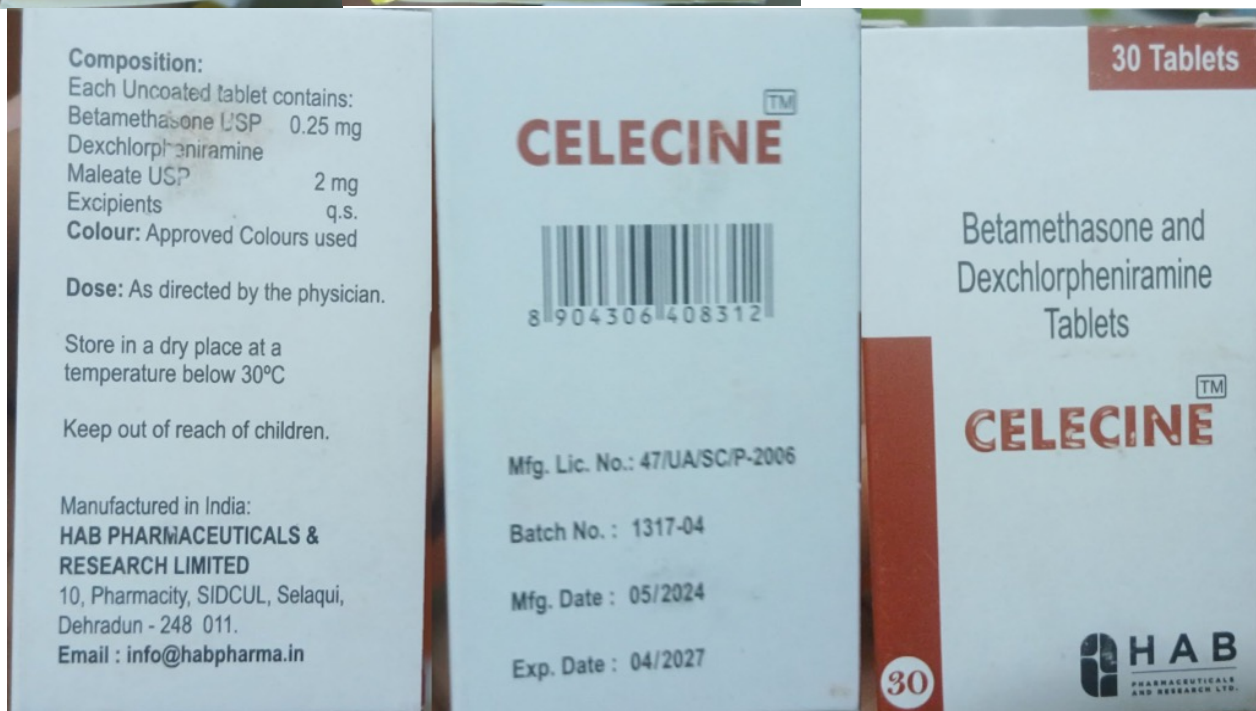




Photo 8: Mucolyn, claimed to be manufactured by Beta Healthcare International Limited, Kenya, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

Photo 10: Unregistered Celecine, claimed to be manufactured by Hab Pharmaceutical and Research Ltd, India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.



Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate Injection 4mg/1ml

Each Amp. (1ml) contains:
 Dexamethasone sodium phosphate equivalent to
 Dexamethasone phosphate USP 4mg.



Distributed By:
TOPSTONE PHARMA LIMITED
 P.O. Box 13742-00800 Nairobi, Kenya



MFG DATE: 08/2025
EXP DATE: 08/2028
BATCH NO.: 250807

Manufactured By:
 Tianjin KingYork Group HuBei TianYao Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd
 No.99, HanJiangBei Road, XiangYang City, HuBei Province, China

ORIGIN OF CHINA

Photo 11: Unregistered Dexasona, claimed to be manufactured by Tianjin King York Group, Hubei Tian Yao Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, China, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

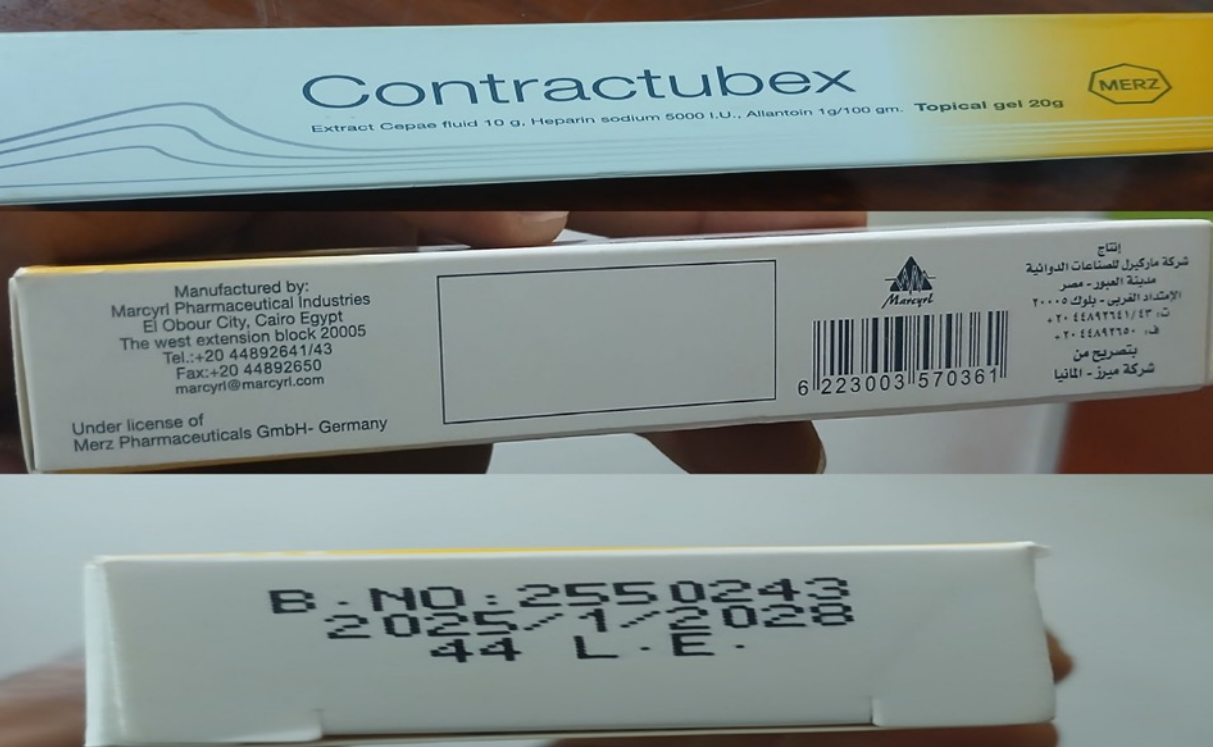


Photo 12: Unregistered Contractubex, claimed to be manufactured by Marcyrl Pharmaceutical Industries Egypt, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

Photo 13: Unregistered Kenadion-1, claimed to be manufactured by Samarth Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal

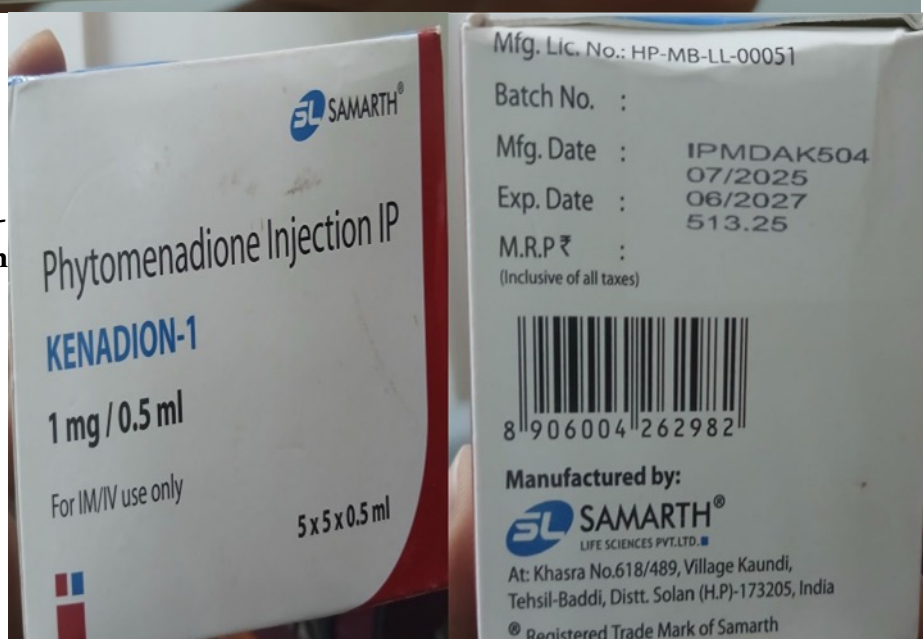


Photo 14: Malart-60, claimed to be manufactured by Syncom Formulations (I) Ltd - India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal

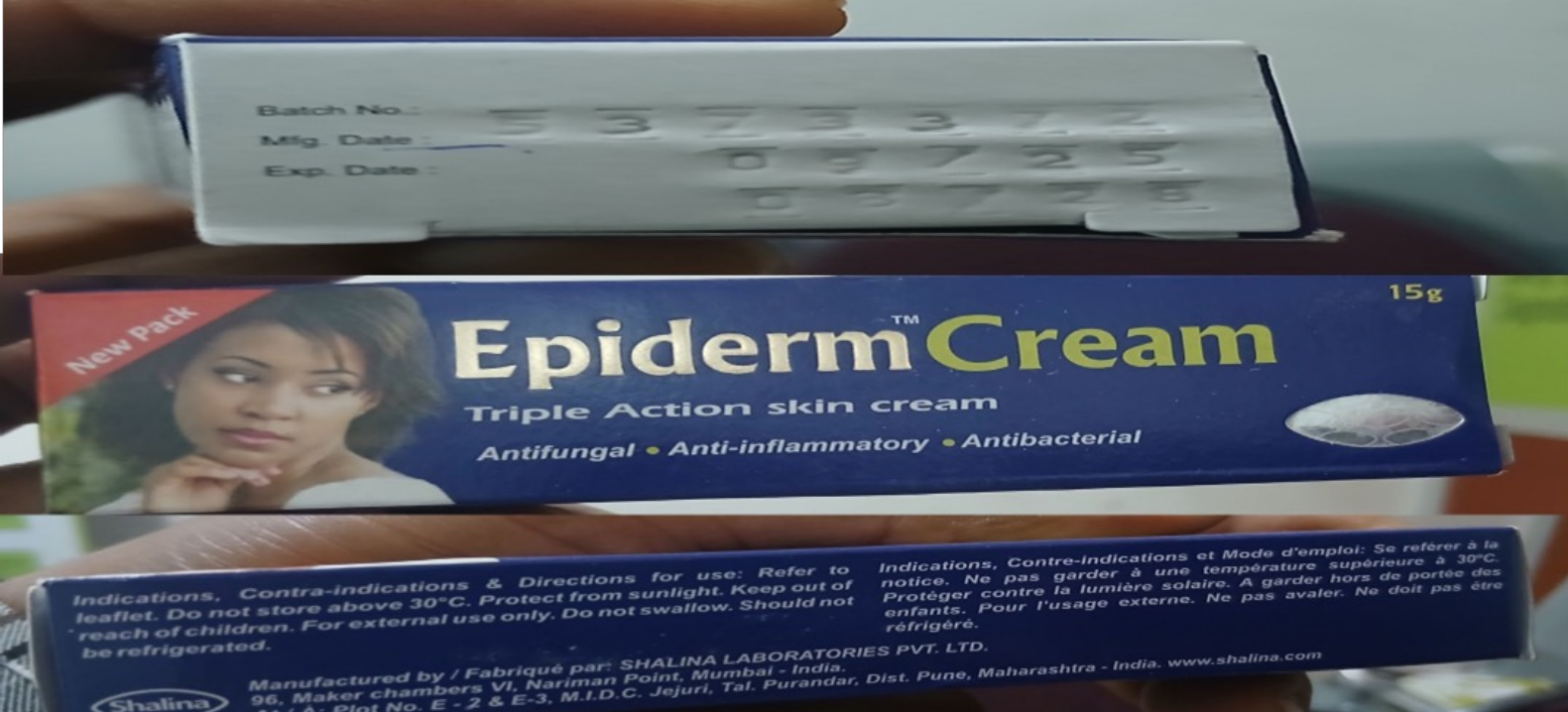


Photo 15: Unregistered Epiderm cream, claimed to be manufactured by Shalina Laboratories Pvt Ltd - India, was confiscated at Kigoma Municipal.

All unregistered medicines were confiscated and will be disposed of at the owner's cost. Fines were imposed for those found with unregistered products.

The Authority continues to warn the public against purchas-

ing 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.



Head Office,
Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority
(TMDA),
Plot No. 56/1, Block E, Kisasa B Centre, Swaswa Road,
P. O. Box 1253, Dodoma, Tanzania.
Tel: +255 (26) 2961989/2061990,
Fax: +255 (26) 2320156,
Email: info@tmda.go.tz
Website: www.tmda.go.tz

Eastern Zone

Mandela Road, Mabibo – External, P.O. Box 31356,
Dar es salaam, Tanzania
Telephone: +255 737 226328 /
+255 766 368412 / +255 788 470312 Toll Free:
0800110084
Email: info.easternzone@tmda.go.tz

Northern Zone

Makongoro and Goliondoi Road, P.O. Box 16609,
Arusha, Tanzania.
Telephone: +255 (27) 2970333, +255 737 782442,
Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: info.arusha@tmda.go.tz

Central Zone

Old Dar es Salaam Road,
Plot No. 2D, Block 407, 3rd Floor,
P.O. Box 163,
Morogoro, Tanzania.
Telephone: 023 261 5491
Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: info.morogoro@tmda.go.tz

Eastern Lake Zone

Nyasaka Road, Nyakato Buzuruga, P.O. Box 543, Ilemela,
Mwanza, Tanzania.
Telephone: +255 28 2981224/5 Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: info.mwanza@tmda.go.tz

Western Lake Zone

Nyerere Road, Central Gold Market, Geita Town Council,
P.O. Box 240,
Geita, Tanzania.
Mob: +255 654 817 849
Toll Free: 0800110084

Southern Highlands Zone

NHIF Tower, 3rd Floor,
P. O BOX 6171,
Mbeya, Tanzania
Telephone: +255 25 250 4425 Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: info.mbeya@tmda.go.tz

Western Zone

NSSF Akiba Commercial Complex, Jamhuri Street, 1st
floor,
Wing A, P.O Box 520,
Tabora, Tanzania
Telephone: +255 (26) 2606082 Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: tabora@tmda.go.tz

Southern Zone

NBC BUILDING, 1st floor,
P. O BOX 48,
Serengeti Road,
Ruvuma, Songea.
Telephone: +255 766729416 Toll Free: 0800110084
Email: info.ruvuma@tmda.go.tz