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

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.

During this period, inspectors from the **Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA)** at the Central Zone successfully intercepted eight (8) unregistered medicines during the routine Post Marketing Inspection. Details of the unregistered medicinal products are presented in table 1 below.



Table 1: List of unregistered Medicines Seized at Central Zone

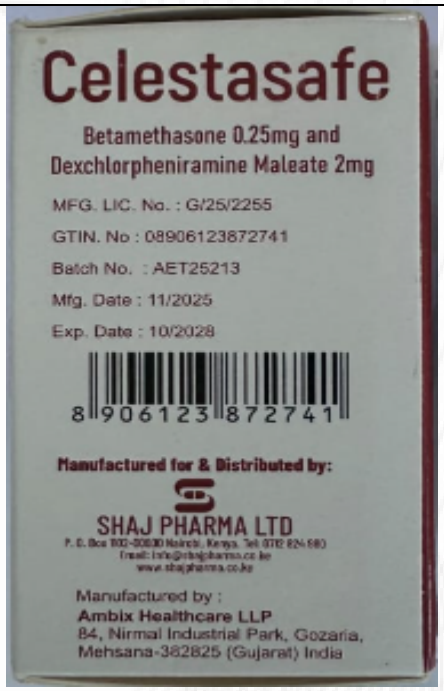
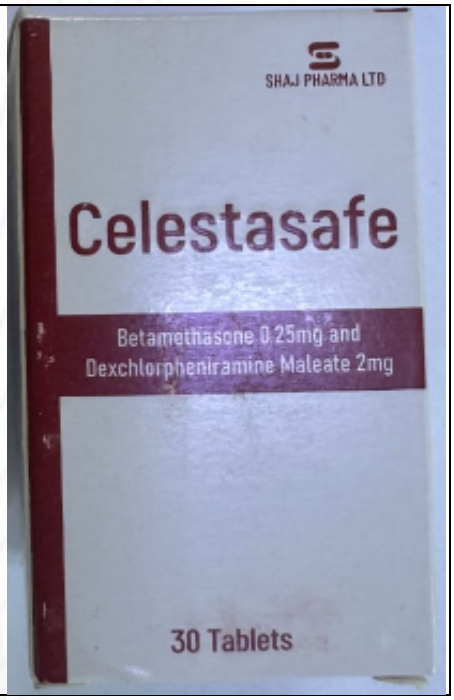
S/N	Trade Name	Non-Proprietary Name	Manufacturer's Name	Dosage Form	Quantity	Batch Details (BN, MFD & EXPD)
1.	NEUROBION Forte	Vitamin B complex with B12	Procter &Gamble Health Ltd	Tablet	300 tablets	BN: 5189C83904 MFD: 09/2025 EXPD: 12/2026
2.	ROBB	Methyl Salicylate	PZ Cussons	Topical ointment	10 bottles	BN: 20250418 MFD:18/04/2025 EXPD: 17/04/2030
3.	VITAMINE K1 INJECTABLE B.P	Vitamin k injection 1ml	Cato	Injectable emulsion	20 ampoules	BN: 2403128 MFD: 03/2024 EXPD: 02/2027
4.	PHENOBARBITAL SODIQUE INJECTABLE	Phenobarbital injection 100mg/ml-1ml	SWISS PARENTERALS LTD, India	Injectable solution	10 ampoules	BN: 1842202 MFD: 01/2024 EXPD: 01/2027

Photo of the selected unregistered products reported from Central Zone are presented below as Figure 1 to 2





Figure No 1: Unregistered Phenobarbital Sodique Injectable manufactured by Swiss Parenterals Ltd, India

Figure No. 2: Unregistered Celestasafe manufactured by Shaj Pharma Ltd, India		

All unregistered medicines were confiscated and will be disposed at owner's cost. Fines were imposed for those who were 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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