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### **FDA: UNREGISTERED MEDICINES FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES**

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 received information from the President of the Diabetes Association of Ghana, that **36TY Courier Services**, an online marketing company, was dealing in unregistered medicines and nutraceuticals for the prevention and treatment of diabetes. Following investigations by the FDA, and with the assistance of the Police Service, the products were detained in a public facility offered by the President of the Diabetes Association to which the Police have access.

Three suspects were arrested in connection with this case on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The activities of the suspects breach Section 118 (Sale of Unregistered Products), Section 113 (Deception of Consumers), and Section 114 (Prohibition of Unapproved Advertisements and Medicinal Products for the Treatment of Diseases specified in the Fifth Schedule) of the Public Health Act, 2012, ACT 851. The Police Service is preparing charges based on the identified infringements of the provisions of Act 851 to begin the prosecution process.

The Authority continues to work with the Police Service to ensure the detained products do not find their way back into trade. The Authority advises the public to be wary of the operations of unverified online platforms involved in the sale of pharmaceutical products, and only deal with licensed pharmacies for all their prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

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