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PRESS RELEASE: FALSIFIED COARTEM AND ZENTEL TABLETS IN CIRCULATION IN THE ASHANTI AND EASTERN REGIONS

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) has detected through its market surveillance activity of sampling and testing of medicines using Truscan RM analyzer the presence of falsified Coartem 20/120 and Zentel tablets in circulation in the Ghanaian market.

Details of the products are as below

Information on:	Product 1	Product 2	Product 3
<i>Product Name</i>	<i>Coartem 20/120</i>	<i>Coartem 20/120</i>	<i>Zentel</i>
<i>Batch Number</i>	<i>NOF 2153</i>	<i>F2261</i>	<i>340945</i>
<i>Expiry Date</i>	<i>05 2020</i>	<i>03 2020</i>	<i>07/19</i>
<i>Manufacturing Date</i>	<i>06 2017</i>	<i>03 2017</i>	<i>08/14</i>
<i>Declared active ingredient</i>	<i>Artemether/ Lumefantrine</i>	<i>Artemether/ Lumefantrine</i>	<i>Albendazole</i>
<i>Stated Manufacturer</i>	<i>Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Suffern, New York, USA</i>	<i>Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Suffern, New York, USA</i>	<i>Medreich Limited Avalahalli, Bangalore-560 062, India.</i>

Please note that the falsified Zentel has NAFDAC registration number and an Arabic writing on the pack.

In view of the probability of the above products finding their way into health facilities nationwide, all persons in charge of these facilities are being advised to check for the presence or availability of these products in their facility, detain and report to the FDA immediately.

The general public is advised to be vigilant and avoid **Coartem (with batch numbers "NOF 2153" and "F2261")** and **Zentel (with the batch numbers "340945")**.

Meanwhile the FDA is ensuring that all products with the indicated batch numbers are recalled from the market in order to safeguard public health and safety.

The general public is also being entreated to inform the FDA of any regulated products found on the market which do not comply with the standards through any of the following numbers and social media platforms:

HOTLINES - 0299802932, 0299802933

TOLL FREE NUMBER - 0800151000 (free only on Vodafone)

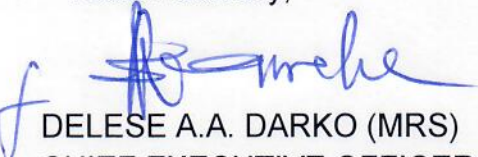
SMS SHORTCODE – 4015

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Yours Faithfully,


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