



# Food and Drugs Authority

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## The News Editor

Dear Sir/ Madam,

### **RE: FOREIGN-LABELLED GOODS FLOOD SHOPS**

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) has noted with concern a publication in the Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 issue of the Daily Graphic with the above-mentioned Headline.

In line with its mandate of ensuring the protection of public health and safety, the FDA carries out Market Surveillance and Import Control activities to ensure that all foods, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices and household chemical substances locally manufactured, imported, sold and distributed in Ghana are safe, efficacious and of good quality.

In the light of this, products imported by Citydia that were not labeled in English in accordance with Section 4 Subsection 3 of the Ghana Standards Board (Food, Drugs and other Goods) General Labelling Rules, 1992, L.I 1541, were placed under detention by the FDA. The FDA then requested Citydia to provide English labels on the products under its supervision. The FDA had several interactions with Citydia in this regard, the last of which, was on Monday 10th April, 2018.

The FDA is taking the necessary regulatory measures against Citydia for blatantly flouting the provisions of Section 136 Subsection 2 of the Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851, by offering detained / seized non-compliant products for sale.


All manufacturers and importers of food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices and household chemical substances are hereby cautioned that the importation, sale and distribution of products not labeled in English contravene Section 4 Subsection 3 of the Ghana Standards Board (Food, Drugs and other Goods) General Labelling Rules, 1992, L.I 1541.

In the meantime, the FDA wishes to assure all Ghanaians that it is working assiduously to ensure that its mandate is carried out to the letter.

The general public is entreated to desist from buying and patronizing such products and to inform the FDA of any regulated product found on the market with non-compliant

labels by giving information to the FDA on the following numbers and social media platforms:

- 0800151000 (Toll free on Vodafone and Airtel only)
- 0299802932 or 0299802933 (Hotline)
- 4015 (SMS short code)
- 0206973065 ( Call and WhatsApp)
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