



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

PRESS RELEASE ON FALSIFIED AUGMENTIN

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board would like to notify the general public of the following falsified Augmentin™ tablets found circulating in Kenya and Uganda as per WHO alert No 9/2019.

Details of the falsified product



Product Name	Augmentin™ (Amoxicillin Trihydrate and Potassium Clavulanate)
Stated Manufacturer	SmithKline Beecham Limited
Batch Number	786627
Manufacturing Date	Aug 2016
Expiry date	Aug 2019
Declared Active Ingredients	500 mg Amoxicillin as Amoxicillin Trihydrate Ph. Eur. and 125 mg Clavulanic Acid as Potassium Clavulanate Ph. Eur.

Falsified Product has Red Blister



Genuine Product has Purple Blister



We wish to state that the WHO alert is based on information relayed to the WHO Rapid Alert System and Interpol by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (Kenya) and Uganda National Drug Authority, for purposes of ensuring vigilance by other countries.

Earlier, in October 2018, the Board's surveillance system had received reports regarding the falsified Augmentin and undertook investigations which, led to the arrest and arraignment of a suspect in court whose case is ongoing.

Subsequently, a Post Market Surveillance, conducted through a Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) by the Board and MOH State agencies in November 2018, targeting Augmentin among other products, confirmed that there was no falsified Augmentin in the Kenyan market.

However, we advise members of the public to remain vigilant and report to the Board in case they come across any of the above-mentioned suspicious batch of Augmentin.



The Board wishes to reassure the public of its commitment to safeguard the health of the public by ensuring that only Safe, Quality and Efficacious Medical Products and Health Technologies are available in the market.

All members of the public and healthcare providers are called upon to report any suspicious products through pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org, info@pharmacyboardkenya.org or Facebook; Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Twitter @ppbkenya, Tel: 0720608811 or report electronically via <http://www.pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org/>

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28th August 2019