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CONSUMER ALERT

RECALL OF BENYLIN PAEDIATRIC COUGH SYRUP 100ML BATCH NO. 329304 MANUFACTURED BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON (PTY), SOUTH AFRICA

The COMESA Competition Commission (the Commission) has become aware through the public notice dated 12 April 2024 from the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority and from a public alert dated 11 April 2024 from the Kenya Pharmacy and Poisons Board alerting the general public of the recall of Benylin Paediatric Cough Syrup Batch No. 329304. Benylin Paediatric Syrup is used for the relief of cough and its congestive symptoms, fever and other allergic conditions in children aged 2 to 12 years. The recall has been necessitated by detection of high levels of Diethylene glycol following laboratory analysis. The product was first recalled by the Nigeria's National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) in its press release dated 10 April 2024 which can be accessed on the following link: [Public Alert No. 013/2024 -Alert on Recall of Benylin Paediatrics Syrup in Nigeria - NAFDAC](#).

Details of the recalled product:

DESCRIPTION	BATCH NO.	MANUFACTURER	MANUFACTURE DATE	EXPIRY DATE	QUALITY ISSUE
Benylin Paediatric Cough Syrup	329304	Johnson & Johnson (Pvt), South Africa	May 2021	April 2024	High levels of Diethylene glycol

Image of the recalled product:



The above notices are calling upon the health facilities, pharmacies and the general public to stop the distribution and use of the affected batch of the product and return it to the suppliers.

The Commission has established that the above product is exported to other COMESA Member States.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 30(1)(b) of the COMESA Competition Regulations, the Commission requests any person who establishes that the recalled syrup is being sold in other COMESA Member States, to avoid its purchase or use, and to report the matter to the Commission by contacting **Mr. Steven Kamukama, Director Consumer Welfare and Advocacy Division** on +265 (0) 111 772466 or by email on: skamukama@comesacompetition.org

Affected persons within the Common Market may also contact their national consumer institutions or any other body with the mandate on consumer protection in their countries.

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