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**CONSUMER ALERT ON FALSIFIED BATCH OF HERCEPTIN 440 MG
(TRASTUZUMAB 440MG) PRODUCT BATCH NO. C5830083 MANUFACTURED
IN GERMANY BY: ROCHE PRODUCTTS LTD**

The COMESA Competition Commission (the Commission) has become aware through the public notice dated 11 May 2024 from the Pharmacies and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya about a suspicious batch of falsified **Herceptin 440 mg (Trastuzumab 440mg)** product that has been detected in the market. The product batch is CLAIMED to be manufactured in **Germany by Roshe Products Ltd**, bearing the batch number **C5830083, Manufacturing date: 12/2021, Expiry Date: 11/2024**. The Press Release may be accessed on the following link: [Public Notice by Pharmacy and Poisons Board Issued on 11 May 2024](#).

The PPB notified the public that the product specific batch no. C5830083 is a confirmed counterfeit, not authorised in the Market and is a falsified product in view of the falsified contents, packaging and labelling aspects which have been confirmed by the brand owner.

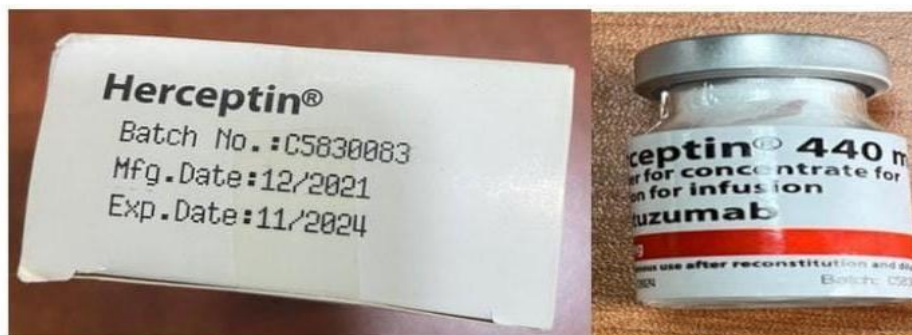
Consequently, the PPB cautioned the public against the use, supply, sale or distribution of the product batch number C5830083 as their safety, quality and efficacy CANNOT be assured. Further, the PPB in collaboration with government investigative agencies has instituted legal and Regulatory actions against individuals suspected to be perpetrating the illegal activities in contravention on the Pharmacies and Poisons Act of Kenya (Cap. 244).

The PPB further urged members of the public and healthcare providers to report and volunteer information on suspicious activities that may be related to such acts of falsification as well as all suspicious, substandard, and falsified medical products to the Pharmacies and Poisons Board through: email: pv@ppb.go.ke and on Telephone: +254795743049.

Details of the product:

Product Description	Batch Number	Manufacturer	Manufacture Date	Expiry Date	Quality Concern
Herceptin 440 mg (Trastuzumab 440mg)	C5830083	Roshe Products Ltd, Germany	12/2021	11/2024	Counterfeit/ Falsified product

Image of the counterfeit product:



The Commission is concerned that the above product is likely to be supplied in 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 product 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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