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WARNING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
RECALL OF SEVERAL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

A. Recall of specific batches of pharmaceutical products manufactured in Kenya

1. The COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission (the “**Commission**”) has become aware, through a media release dated 26 March 2026 by Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority, Malawi (PMRA), of a recall of specific batches of pharmaceutical products manufactured in Kenya. According to PMRA, it received a product recall alert over quality and safety concerns, issued by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya, for commonly used medicines manufactured by companies that are also registered to supply the Malawi market.

Table 1: Details of the affected products under the PPB notice:

| No. | Name of Product | Generic Name | Name of manufacturer | Batch No. | Mfg. Date | Exp. Date | Pack Size | Reason for recall |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1. | Medopress | Methyldopa 250mg | Cosmos Ltd. Kenya | 221138 | 10/2023 | 09/2026 | 10x10's | Presence of grey spots on the tablet surface |
| 2. | Medopress | Methyldopa 250mg | Cosmos Ltd. Kenya | 230093 | 11/2023 | 10/2026 | 10x10's | Colour change of the tablets |
| 3. | Paratal | Paracetamol 500mg | Laboratory & Allied Ltd. Kenya | 83730 | 06/2023 | 05/2026 | 10x10's | Brown visible contaminants were observed |
| 4. | Leocef | Cefalexin powder for oral suspension | Laboratory & Allied Ltd. Kenya | 88579 | 04/2025 | 09/2027 | 100ml | Brown visible contaminants were observed |
| 5. | Chlorpromazine 100 | Chlorpromazine 100mg | Laboratory & Allied Ltd. Kenya | 83863 | 06/2023 | 05/2026 | 100's | The tablets were observed to be capping |
| 6. | Ciprolab 500 | Ciprofloxacin 500mg | Laboratory & Allied Ltd. Kenya | 84660 | 09/2023 | 08/2026 | 100's | Brown spots observed on the tablets |
| | | | | 84659 | 09/2023 | 08/2026 | | |
| | | | | 84225 | 08/2023 | 07/2026 | | |
| | | | | 84224 | 08/2023 | 07/2026 | | |
| 7. | Stopacid suspension | Aluminium Hydroxide 120mg/ | Dawa Ltd. Kenya | 2407199 | 07/2024 | 06/2027 | 100ml | Failure to comply with the release |
| | | | | 2407200 | | | | |

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| | | Magnesium trisilicate 250mg/5ml | | 2407201 | | | | assay limits of Aluminium Hydroxide (95%-105%) |
| | | | | 2407202 | | | | |
| 8. | Dawaflox | Flucloxacillin | Dawa Kenya Ltd. | 2401188 | 01/2024 | 12/2026 | 100ml | Failure to comply with the release assay identified during long-term stability studies |

2. More details on the recall can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GAdV8rUkU/>

3. The Commission is aware that in addition to Malawi, the above-mentioned manufacturers also distribute their products to other COMESA Member States including; Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Eswatini, Uganda, and Zambia, and therefore the recalled products may be present in those countries. The Commission cautions consumers to be on the lookout for the recalled batches and to avoid purchasing or using the said products.

B. Recall of specific batches of Citro-Soda Regular by Adcock Ingram Limited

4. The Commission has also become aware of a recall by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) of Citro-Soda manufactured by Adcock Ingram limited on 17 March 2026. This followed identification of potential risks of foreign material contamination during an inspection conducted by SAHPRA at the manufacturer’s Clayville facility in Johannesburg, South Africa. The recall affects Citro-Soda Regular 60g, 120g, and 4g sachets, with batch numbers starting with the letter “C,” all produced at the Clayville site.

5. More information regarding the recall is available on the SAHPRA website, accessible on the link below:

<https://www.sahpra.org.za/product-recalls/>

6. The full list of the 256 recalled batches of Cito-Soda is available on the link below:

<https://sahpraza.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/SAHPRAwebsitePublicDocuments/IQBzVqrxLuLXRqeaeeE9afFCAei-PXPYsRyMtLTl5WkdOBI?e=nDmV3T>



7. The media statement by Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority, Malawi (PMRA), stated that 500 affected units of the recalled Citro-Soda by SAHPRA were supplied to Malawi from Kenya.

Table 2: Details of the affected batch of Citro Soda supplied to Malawi:

| Item Description | Name of manufacturer | Batch no. | Exp Date | Reason for recall |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| CITRO SODA REGULAR 60g INT | Adcock Ingram Clayville | C130143 | Sep-2026 | Potential risk of foreign material contamination |

8. Pursuant to Regulation 66 of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations (2025), the Commission wishes to notify consumers to be on the lookout for the affected batches of Citro-Soda Regular, which may have found their way into other countries in the Common Market, and avoid purchasing or using the said products. Adcock Ingram has requested consumers to return any impacted stock to the point of purchase for credit or stock replacement. Consumers who may have been affected can report the matter to the Commission or to their national consumer authority for redress.
9. The Commission continues to work closely with the Member States to ensure that consumers' right to safety is upheld. Should you require more information or clarification on the matter, you may contact the undersigned.



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