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## CONSUMER ALERT

### ALERT ON PARACETAMOL INJECTIONS AND AUGMENTIN DRUGS RECALLED IN KENYA

The East African Community Competition Authority has become aware, through an urgent public health alert issued by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Kenya on 25th April 2025, that falsified and substandard batches of **Paracetamol injections** and **Augmentin** antibiotics have been discovered and recalled from the Kenyan market.

The affected drugs include:

- **Paracetamol 1000mg/100ml Injections** under the brand names **Lumidol**, **Blink**, and **Paragen**.
- **Augmentin 1G** – Batch Numbers **EU7C & SGS2**
- **Augmentin 625mg** – Batch Numbers **8X3K**

Investigations by the Pharmacy and poisons Board (PPB). revealed that these drugs either exhibit unusual color changes (paracetamol injections) indicating compromised quality or are falsified with missing active pharmaceutical ingredients (Augmentin). These medicines pose serious health risks to consumers.

The PPB of Kenya has instructed the immediate cessation of the sale, distribution, and use of these products and called for their return to the nearest healthcare provider or supplier.

Given the open cross border trade environment within the East African Community, the Authority is concerned that the affected products may have been distributed within EAC partner states (Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo).

The Authority, pursuant to Section 30(1)(b) of the EAC Competition Act, 2006, hereby **alerts all consumers and healthcare providers** within the East African Community to be vigilant and **avoid purchase, sale, or use** of the above-listed products and report the matter to the EAC Competition Authority in case they come across the medicines at the pharmacies or selves by contacting: **Stellah Onyancha, on +255 27 216 2100 or email; [sonyancha@eachq.org](mailto:sonyancha@eachq.org).**



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