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TO: RETAIL PHARMACIES ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE
PHARMACEUTICAL WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE
PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE
MEDICINES DISTRIBUTORS
PRIVATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE
MOHCC
PARIRENYATWA GROUP OF HOSPITALS

CIRCULAR NO 13 OF 2019

IMPORTATION OF MEDICINES RESTRICTED BY CONTROL OF GOODS (OPEN GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE) (AMENDMENT) NOTICE, 2017 (NO.5), SI 122 OF 2017

The Authority would like to advise all medicines importers that the following would be required for importation of any of the products restricted in terms of the Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) (Amendment) Notice, 2017 (No.5), SI 122 of 2017:

- a) A valid Import Licence from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) authorizing the importation of any such listed medicines
- b) In addition to the permit from MOIC, the applicant will also be required to submit confirmation from the local manufacturers that the locally registered products are not available on the market.

These documents should be attached as part of the application for importation of any of the listed medicines on the MCAZ Import and Export Online Application System which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://onlineservices.mcaz.co.zw/mcazonlineservices/onlineuserlogin>

For your convenience, the affected products have been extracted and attached as Appendix 1.

Yours faithfully

MEDICINES CONTROL AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE


G.N. MAHLANGU (Ms)
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**APPENDIX I: LIST OF MEDICINES REQUIRING IMPORT LICENCE
FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CONTROL OF GOODS (OPEN GENERAL
IMPORT LICENCE) (AMENDMENT) NOTICE, 2017 (NO.5), SI 122 OF 2017**

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
1. Antacids preparations containing Magnesium/Aluminum salts excluding formulations containing alginic acid or sustained release
2. Aspirin and Caffeine tablets or capsules: All preparations of a combination of Aspirin and Caffeine of any pharmaceutical designation
3. Aspirin Tablets or capsules excluding 100mg Tablet formulation or sustained release: Tablets or capsules containing Aspirin as the ONLY ingredient excluding 100mg tablet formulation or sustained release.
4. Cotrimoxazole Suspension, syrup or dry granules: All preparation containing Sulphamethoxazole and Trimethoprim in any proportions
5. Cotrimoxazole Tablets or Sulphamethoxazole-Trimethoprim Tablets: All preparations containing Sulphamethoxazole and Trimethoprim in any proportions.
6. Erythromycin Capsules or Tablets: All preparation in tablet or capsule form containing Erythromycin active ingredient
7. Erythromycin Suspension: All preparations containing Erythromycin as single active ingredient in suspension, syrup, dry granules or dry syrup
8. Furosemide/Frusemide 40mg Tablets: All preparations containing Furosemide/Frusemide single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form.
9. Ibuprofen tablets or capsule: All preparations containing Ibuprofen as a single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form
10. Metformin 500mg Tablets excluding sustained release formulations: All preparations containing Metformin 500mg immediate release (IR) as a single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form.
11. Metronidazole Tablets: All preparations containing Metronidazole as a single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form.
12. Paracetamol and Codeine tablets: All preparations containing Paracetamol and Codeine as the only active ingredients in tablet and capsule.
13. Paracetamol Syrup: All preparations containing Paracetamol as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup.
14. Paracetamol tablets or capsules: All preparations containing Paracetamol as the only ingredient in tablet and capsule form.

15. Povidone Iodine Antiseptic Preparations
Priority List 2 – Medicines manufactured in specialised plants - Penicillins
1. Amoxicillin capsules or tablets: All preparations containing Amoxicillin as the only active ingredient in tablet and capsule form
2. Amoxillin granules for pediatric suspension: All preparations containing Amoxicillin as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup
3. Cloxacillin capsules or tablets: All preparations containing Cloxacillin as the only active ingredient in tablet and capsule form.
4. Cloxacillin granules for paediatric suspension: All preparations containing Cloxacillin or Flucloxacillin as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup