



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

PUBLIC ALERT

All concerned parties and the general public are hereby alerted that some counterfeit “Duo-cotecxin” and “Cotecxin” tablets have been detected in the Kenyan market. The counterfeit products have been seized in some places in Nairobi, but it could be available in any other places in the country.

From outside the counterfeit pack looks similar to the original product and may be difficult to tell apart. Some packs even bear a similar batch number to one of the genuine batches officially supplied last year.

Contrary to what is purported on the label, the counterfeit products with the particulars shown below have not been manufactured in the facilities of Beijing Holley Cotec Pharmaceuticals Company Ltd, who are the sole license holders and manufacturers of “Duo-cotecxin” and “Cotecxin” that are registered in Kenya.

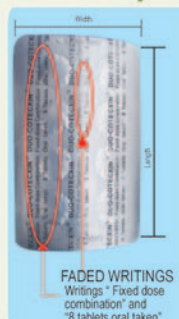
To help in identification, please refer to the particulars below:

DUO-COTECXIN

The difference on the outer packs is not easy to tell



Differences on the blister/strip



DIFFERENCES ON THE BLISTER/STRIP

Genuine

1. Name of manufacturer indicated on the back side of the strip
2. The writings run **across the width** of the strip
3. The writings are fast and do not fade on rubbing with a moist finger

Counterfeit

1. Name of manufacturer is **not indicated** on the back side of the strip
2. The writings run **along the length** of the strip
3. The writings **easily fade** on rubbing with a moist finger
4. Has writings "Fixed dose combination" and "8 tablets oral taken"
5. Has been tested and does not contain the stated quantity of active ingredient. **Does not treat Malaria.**

COTECXIN

The difference on the outer packs is not easy to tell



DIFFERENCES ON THE BLISTER/STRIP



Genuine

- a. The tablets are smaller.
- b. The strip is darker. It is a deep golden colour.
- c. The writings are fast and do not fade on rubbing with a moist finger

Counterfeit

- a. The tablets are bigger.
- b. The strip is lighter in colour. It is a deep golden colour.
- c. The writings **easily fade** on rubbing with a moist finger

By this public alert, the sale, purchase and use of the said counterfeit products are immediately prohibited. Note that any person found selling the counterfeit product will be prosecuted and any other necessary action taken as provided for in the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, cap 244 Laws of Kenya.

Anyone holding stocks must quarantine the counterfeit product and inform Pharmacy & Poisons Board immediately at the following address:

Contact Person: Head, Pharmaceutical Inspectorate
Telephone Numbers: 2716905 / 6 or 0720-608811, 0733-884411
E-mail: admin@pharmacyboardkenya.org
Physical Address: Lenana Road, Nairobi

Any person with information on the source and distribution of the above product should contact the Pharmacy & Poisons Board. Please note that information will be treated as confidential.

For more details visit- www.pharmacyboardkenya.org

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