MEDICINES CONTROL AGENCY

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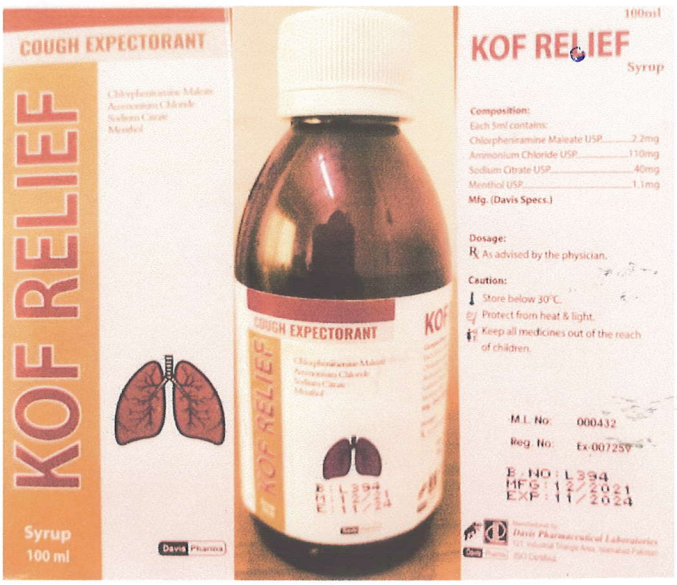
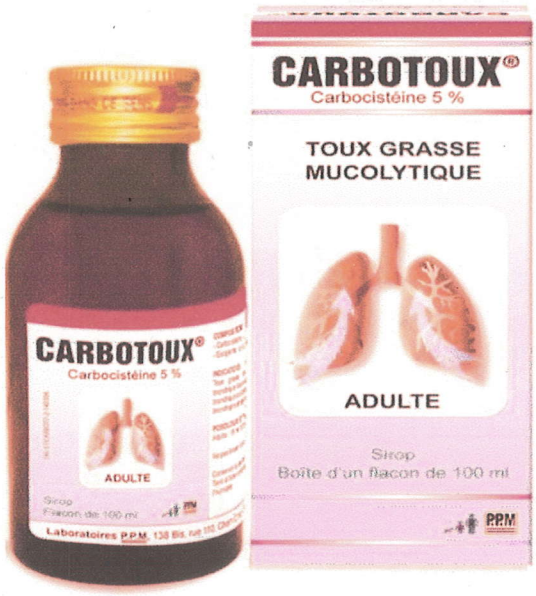
URGENT MEDICINES SAFETY ALERT

The Medicines Control Agency wishes to inform all of the urgent recall, up to user level of one batch each, of two different cough syrups which have failed quality control tests as they were found to be contaminated with unacceptable levels of Diethylene Glycol (DEG) or Ethylene Glycol (EG).

1. **KOF RELIEF** Syrup (Chlorpheniramine Maleate 2.2mg, Ammonium Chloride 110mg, Sodium Citrate 40mg, Menthol 1.1mg/5ml) with **batch number L394,** manufactured by **Davis Pharmaceutical Laboratories**, 121, Industrial Triangle Area, Islamabad-**Pakistan.**



2. **CARBOTOUX** Adult Syrup (Carbocisteine 250 mg/5 ml) with **batch number 21P1217**, manufactured by Laboratories PPM, 138 Bis, Rue 110, Chom Chao, Phnom Penh, **Cambodia**.



These results are obtained from an ongoing country-wide risk-based product quality survey conducted on sixty-eight different syrup formulations found in circulation on the Gambian Market during the period October 2022 to December 2022. Although extensive efforts have been made to remove the above products from the market, it is likely that some quantities are still available on the market, including in private clinics, hospitals and other pharmaceutical premises.

Information available to the Agency at the moment points to the fact that only these two batches are affected. **The Agency advises all healthcare workers against prescribing, dispensing, sale and recommending use of the two product batches as highlighted above which are contaminated with harmful substances (Ethylene and Diethylene Glycol).**

The compliance of all is required to safeguard public health.

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