



MEDICINES CONTROL AGENCY

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To: All Pharmaceutical Importers

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR PRE-SHIPMENT TESTING OF ALL
MEDICINES IMPORTED FROM CHINA.**

The Medicines and Related Products Act, 2014, established the Medicines Control Agency (MCA) with the mandate to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, use, control of advertisements and promotion of medicines and related products with respect to ensure their quality, safety, and efficacy. Related products include Herbal products, Cosmetics, Medical Devices and Household Chemicals substances. In working towards ensuring that all imported medicines and related products meet the required quality standards, MCA has engaged **CHINA STANDARDS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LTD (CSTS)**, a private independent third-party agent in Beijing, China, to offer services of shipment related documents verification, physical inspection of sample and quality testing/analysis of the samples withdrawn from the shipment and issue **Clean Report of Inspection and Analysis ("CRIA")** for each batch of medicines and related products.

MCA and CSTS in China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Service Level Agreement (SLA) that allows CSTS to conduct pre-shipment testing of all medicines manufactured and/or sourced from China to be exported to The Gambia for public safety.

Based on the above, MCA wishes to kindly inform all the importers that effective 01 May 2024, they and their suppliers should contact **CSTS with its registered office at Add: 1-3F, 31 Xizhaosi Mid Street, Dongcheng Dist, Beijing, China** for all the necessary arrangements before shipment of medicines from China to The Gambia.

MCA counts on your cooperation, and compliance.

Yours sincerely,


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