



## MEDICINES CONTROL AGENCY

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### URGENT PRESS RELEASE

#### RECALL OF SALBUTAMOL ORAL SOLUTION AND PLASMODIAL TABLET FROM THE GAMBIAN MARKET

The Medicines Control Agency during its post market surveillance has discovered two medicinal products in circulation that have changed colour due to degradation despite are not yet expired and therefore, are considered substandard.

1. Salbutamol Oral Solution BP 2mg/5ml, 100ml manufactured by **RONALD PHARMACEUTICALS PVT LTD** in India, imported and distributed in The Gambia by Serenba Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd with Manufacture date June 2022, **Expiry date May 2025 and Batch number 220656**. The product has changed colour from clear solution to yellowish or orange colour with some crystals in it.

#### Photos of the Product



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2. **PLASMODIAL 80+ 480 (Artemether 80mg & Lumefantrine 480mg, 6Tablets/strip)**, manufactured by **ALCHEMY MEDICINE PVT LTD** in India, imported and distributed in The Gambia by EMJ Pharmacy with Manufacture date May 2022, Expiry date April 2025 and Batch number **ALTF-2206**. The tablet has changed colour with dark spots possibly due to growth of mould.

### Photos of the Product



The MCA has started recall of the affected batches of these two medicinal products with immediate effect and therefore, the public is warned against the use of these products despite are not expired. Patients in possession of these products should return them to the pharmaceutical outlets or health facilities they acquired the products from.

All Pharmaceutical Outlets and Health Facilities in possession of these products must surrender them to MCA Office or its Inspectors in the field doing the recall.

For any information related to these products, call 1233 toll free on QCell or 3363068.

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