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**PRODUCT RECALL ALERT ON SPECIFIC BATCHES OF SELECTED PHARMACEUTICAL
PRODUCTS**

Lilongwe, Thursday, 26th March, 2026: The Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA) is informing stakeholders and the general public that it has received product recall alerts issued by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya and the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA). These alerts concern specific batches of several pharmaceutical products manufactured by companies that are also registered to supply the Malawi market. The recalls have been initiated following the identification of quality and safety concerns.

The PPB recall notice covers multiple commonly used medicines; full details, including the specific affected batches, are provided in Table 1.

In addition, the SAHPRA recall notice involves specific batches of Citro-Soda Regular (60 g, 120 g, and 4 g × 30 sachets) manufactured by Adcock Ingram. This recall follows the identification of a potential risk of foreign material contamination during an inspection conducted by SAHPRA at the manufacturer's Clayville facility in Johannesburg, South Africa.

According to Adcock Ingram's Kenyan agent, a total of 58,824 units of the affected products were distributed to Kenya, of which 500 units were subsequently supplied to Malawi. Details of the specific batch distributed to Malawi are provided in Table 2.

In light of the above, all pharmaceutical importers, wholesalers, and retailers are hereby urged to immediately cease the sale and distribution of all affected batches referenced in both the PPB and SAHPRA recall notices, and to notify the Authority for further regulatory guidance. Consumers who may be in possession of any of the affected products are advised to consult their healthcare providers for appropriate alternatives.

PMRA remains committed to safeguarding public health by ensuring that all medicines and allied substances circulating in Malawi meet the required standards of quality, safety, and efficacy.

For further information, please contact PMRA on +265 899 567 365 or email info@pmra.mw.

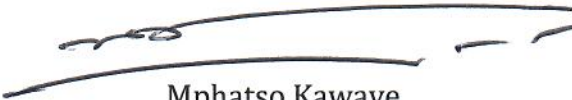

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Table 1: Batch details of the affected products under the PPB notice

No.	Name of Product	Generic Name	Name of Manufacturer	Batch No.	Mfg. Date	Exp Date	Pack Size	Reasons for Recall
1	Medopress	Methyldopa 250mg	Cosmos Ltd., Kenya	221138	10/2023	09/2026	10 x 10's	Presence of grey spots on the tablet surface
2	Medopress	Methyldopa 250mg	Cosmos Ltd., Kenya	230093	11/2023	10/2026	10 x 10's	Color change of the tablets
3	Paratal	Paracetamol 500mg	Laboratory & Allied Ltd., Kenya	83730	06/2023	05/2026	10 x 10's	Brown visible contaminants were observed
4	Leocef	Cefalexin powder for oral suspension	Laboratory & Allied Ltd., Kenya	88579	04/2025	09/2027	100ml	Brown visible contaminants were observed
5	Chlorpromazine 100	Chlorpromazine 100mg	Laboratory & Allied Ltd., Kenya	83863	06/2023	05/2026	100's	The tablets were observed to be capping
6	Ciprolab 500	Ciprofloxacin 500mg	Laboratory & Allied Ltd., Kenya	84660	09/2023	08/2026	100's	Brown spots observed on the tablets
				84659	09/2023	08/2026		
				84225	08/2023	07/2026		
				84224	08/2023	07/2026		
7	Stopacid suspension	Aluminium Hydroxide 120mg/ Magnesium trisilicate 250mg/ 5ml	Dawa Ltd., Kenya	2407199	07/2024	06/2027	100 ml	Failure to comply with the release assay limits of Aluminium Hydroxide (95%-105%)
				2407200				
				2407201				
				2407202				
8	Dawaflox	Flucloxacillin 125mg/ 5ml	Dawa Ltd., Kenya	2401188	01/2024	12/2026	100ml	Failure to comply with assay identified during long-term stability studies

Table 2: Details of affected batch of Citric Soda supplied to Malawi

Item Description	Name of manufacturer	Batch no.	Exp. date	Reason for recall
CITRO SODA REGULAR 60g INT	Adcock Ingram Clayville	C130143	Sep-2026	Potential risk of foreign material contamination

