



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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TO : ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the following Verified Counterfeit Drug Products:

1. Mefenamic Acid (Ponstan®) 500mg Tablet
2. Loperamide (Diatabs®) 2mg Capsule
3. Carbocisteine (Solmux®) 500mg Capsule
4. Phenylephrine HCl / Chlorphenamine Maleate / Paracetamol (Neozep® Forte) 10mg/2mg/500mg Tablet

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of the following verified counterfeit drug products:



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Counterfeit – Tablet appearance and debossed prints are not aligned with that of the registered drug product.

Figure 1. Comparison between the Authentic and Verified Counterfeit Mefenamic Acid (Ponstan®) 500mg Tablet (Lot no. 429-30228A with Expiry Date SEP 2024)

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Counterfeit – Logo, security mark, knurling, print color and appearance are different from standard.

Figure 2. Comparison between the Authentic and Verified Counterfeit Loperamide (Diatabs®) 2mg Capsule (Lot no. U018407)

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Figure 3. Comparison between the Authentic and Verified Counterfeit Carbocisteine (Solmux[®]) 500mg Capsule (Lot no. U089493)

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Figure 4. Comparison between the Authentic and Verified Counterfeit Phenylephrine HCl / Chlorphenamine Maleate / Paracetamol (Neozep® Forte) 10 mg/2 mg/500 mg Tablet (Lot no. U261217)

All healthcare professionals and the general public are hereby warned as to the availability of these counterfeit drug products in the market which pose potential danger or injury to consumers. Consumers are also reminded to purchase drug products only from FDA-licensed establishments.

Likewise, all establishments and outlets are hereby warned against selling and/or dispensing of the said counterfeit products with the abovementioned features. The importation, selling or offering for sale of such is in direct violation of Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009, and Republic Act No. 8203 or the Special Law on Counterfeit Drugs. Anyone found selling the said counterfeit drug products will be penalized.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are requested to ensure that these products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

For more information and inquiries, please e-mail us at info@fda.gov.ph. To report continuous sale or distribution of unregistered health products, kindly e-mail us via report@fda.gov.ph, or through the online reporting facility, **eReport**, at www.fda.gov.ph/ereport. You may also call the Center for Drug Regulation and Research at telephone number (02) 8809-5596. For any suspected adverse drug reaction (ADR), report immediately to FDA through this link: <https://primaryreporting.who-umc.org/Reporting/Reporter?OrganizationID=PH> and fill out all the required fields.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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