



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUGS
Alabang, Muntinlupa

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BUREAU CIRCULAR
No. 16 s. 1999

Subject: **Amending BFAD MC #22 dated September 8, 1994 regarding Inventory, Proper Disposal and/or Destruction of Used vials or Bottles**

In order to ensure strict compliance with the directive contained in MC #22 s. 1994, previously issued by this Bureau and in view of the reasons stated therein on the particular issue of refilled vials/bottles, the following modifications in the aforesaid circular are hereby issued for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Pharmacist of government and private hospitals to conduct at least, a semestral inventory of the proper disposal and destruction of used vials or bottles, and to submit same to the Bureau within five (5) days from the date of inventory;
2. In all cases, and consistent with the provisions of RA 5921 (Pharmacy Law), the dispensing of drugs in vials/bottles must only be done by the hospital pharmacist. The nurse administering the drugs must be under strict instruction to return all empty vials to the hospital pharmacy for destruction on a quarterly basis; and
3. All inventories and/or destruction shall be done under the supervision of duly authorized representative of BFAD, in which case proper notification shall be made to this Office.

This Circular is being issued in the interest of consumer protection pursuant to the provisions of Art. 40(e) R.A. 7394 otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, takes effect immediately.

Please be guided accordingly.

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