



**PHARMACY BOARD OF SIERRA LEONE
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT**

TOPIC: WHO ALERT ON CONTAMINATED PAEDIATRIC SYRUPS

KEY POINTS /TAKE HOME MESSAGE FOR THE PUBLIC

A. Source of the Alert: WHO

Date: 5th October, 2022

B. Medical Products

- 1. Promethazine Oral Solution**
- 2. Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup**
- 3. Makoff Baby Cough Syrup**
- 4. Magrip n Cold Syrup**

C. Manufacturer: Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited (Haryana, India)

D. Issue with Medical Product

- Product contaminated with **Diethylene Glycol** and **Ethylene Glycol** in unacceptable amounts

E. **DANGER** presented by the contaminants **Diethylene Glycol (DEG)** and **Ethylene Glycol (EG)**

- These contaminants cause the following toxic effects : **abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, inability to pass urine, headache , altered mental state and acute kidney injury which may lead to death**

F. Number of deaths already: 66 children



G. ACTION POINTS FOR THE PUBLIC

- **Pharmacy Board doesn't have these Medical Products in its database or on the pharmaceutical market**

Contaminated Medical Products

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IF YOU COME ACROSS THESE PRODUCTS IN SIERRA LEONE

- **DO NOT BUY THESE PRODUCTS**

- **CALL PHARMACY BOARD OF SIERRA LEONE ON 073994830 or 0991171117/ if you come into contact with these products anytime**

- **REPORT any medicine related sign and symptom by calling PBSL on 0991171117 or send an email to info@pharmacyboard.gov.sl OR download, fill and submit via email the Individual Case Safety Report Form (Adverse Drug Reaction Form) from our website www.pharmacyboard.gov.sl.¹**

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