



PHARMACY BOARD OF SIERRA LEONE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH



CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES COMPOUND, NEW ENGLAND VILLE

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON NORONIC PRODUCTS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AT  
AN ILLEGAL OUTLET AT WHITE STONE WATERLOO

DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

As you may recall on the June 12, 2024 the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone issued two press releases informing the general public and healthcare providers that based on reports received by the Board certain pharmaceuticals in circulation manufactured by Noronic pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd, Block No. 763/2 village Indrad, Ta.Kadi have shown product quality defect (organoleptic deficiencies) and that an investigation is being launched into the issue.

In view of the above the general public and healthcare providers are hereby informed of the following regulatory actions taken by the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone:

(1) Cancellation of application for the registration of the under mentioned medical products manufactured by Noronic Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd:

- Aspirin 75mg Gastro-Resistant Tablets 14x4
- Artemether 20mg+Lumefantrine Tablets 120mg 1x24
- Artemether 80mg+Lumefantrine Tablets 480mg 1x6
- Artemether 80mg + Lumefantrine Tablets 480mg 1x6x20
- Amlodipine 10mg Tablets 2x14
- Amlodipine 5mg Tablets 2x14

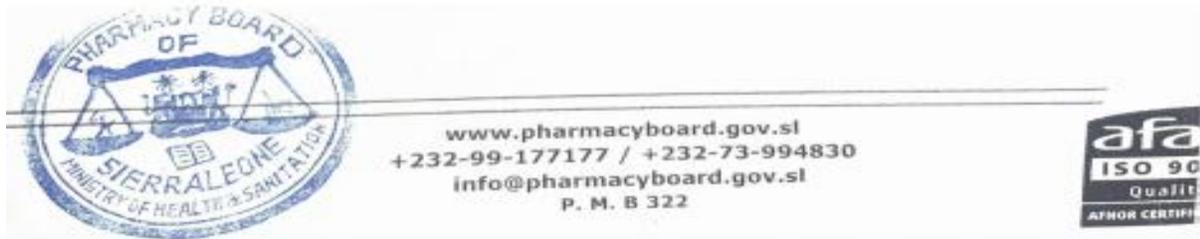
(3) Quality control testing of all Noronic products in circulation



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- (2) Nationwide recall of all products in circulation manufactured by Noronic Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd
- (3) Quality control testing of all Noronic products in circulation.



Through this Public notice the general public is hereby informed that investigations are ongoing and arrangements are being made for senior staff of the Board to visit the manufacturing site.

In a related development and based on a tip off from a member of the general public as well as with support provided by the Sierra Leone police a team of Pharmacy Board inspectors visited a site at white stone waterfall where it discovered the illegal sale of unregistered, free healthcare, expired, counterfeit, extended expiry date, relabeled products to members of the general public.

During the investigation it was discovered that antiretrovirals were relabeled as ciprofloxacin and sold to the general public. Similar actions were also carried out for various product lines. Also found during the search were a huge consignment of products used by various public health programmes in the country including National

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Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV control programmes that were either relabeled or contained extended expiry dates.

Two suspects were apprehended and have since been handed over to the police for further investigations. The products confiscated during the investigation are currently in the custody of the Pharmacy Board.

The Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone will like to reassure the general public of its role in the protection of public health and to further advice that members of the general public should procure drugs only from pharmaceutical outlets licensed by Board or Government health facilities.

Signed:

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Registrar

