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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL: UNREGISTERED RETAIL OUTLETS, SUPERMARKETS, AND INDIVIDUALS, WHO SELL MEDICINES.

This notice serves to inform all unregistered retail outlets, supermarkets, private hospital/ clinics and individuals who store and sell medicines to immediately stop this illegal activity.

Under Section 9 (1) (b) (c) (d) and 23 (1) (a) (b) of the Medicines and Cosmetics Act 1999, a person must have a licence to wholesale, import/export and retail sale of medicine. The retail sale of prescription only medicines and pharmacy only medicines shall be carried out under the full supervision of a registered pharmacist. The sale of over the counter medicines should be carried out in a duly licensed retail pharmacy.

The penalty for a breach of the above Sections of the Act is a fine of not exceeding K5000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both.

Subsequent to the publication of this notice, pharmaceutical inspectors will be exercising their powers under the Medicines and Cosmetics Act 1999 to ensure compliance with this notice. Those retail outlets, supermarket, clinics and individuals without licenses will be arrested and prosecuted.

For more information please call the National Department of Health on **301 3886** or enquire at the Pharmaceutical Services Standard Branch of the National Department of Health located at the ground floor of AOPI Centre, - Waigani.

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