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### PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE SALE OF MEDICINES

THE PHARMACY BOARD OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA WISHES TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT SALE OF PRESCRIPTION ONLY AND PHARMACY ONLY MEDICINES AT THE PUBLIC MARKETS, STREETS AND UNLICENSED RETAIL SHOPS IS A CRIME. ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN SUCH SALE OF MEDICINES WILL BE PROSECUTED.

SECTION 8 (2) (A) (B) OF THE MEDICINES AND COSMETICS ACT 1999, ONLY ALLOWS REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, DENTIST, VETERINARY SURGEON AND PHARMACIST TO SELL AND SUPPLY PRESCRIPTION ONLY AND PHARMACY ONLY MEDICINES.

MEDICINES ARE SPECIAL COMMODITY WHICH IS TO BE STORED, DISPENSED AND USED PROPERLY WITH CORRECT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY QUALIFIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

TAKING MEDICINES WITHOUT PROPER ADVICE FROM A PHARMACIST OR DOCTOR IS DANGEROUS AND CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS AND DEATH.

THE PHARMACY BOARD OF PNG IS NOW APPEALING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO

- BUY OR OBTAIN MEDICINES ONLY FROM LICENSED PHARMACY/DRUG OUTLETS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH INSTITUTIONS.
- OBTAIN PRESCRIPTIONS FORM FROM A DOCTOR OR APPROPRIATE HEALTH WORKER, WHEN BUYING MEDICINES FROM THE REGISTERED PHARMACY OUTLET.

THE PHARMACY BOARD OF PNG IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASE SALE OF MEDICINES AT THE UNREGISTERED DRUG OUTLETS, STREETS, PUBLIC MARKETS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES TO THE PUBLIC.

**WHEN YOU CONFIRM OR SUSPECT THAT AN OUTLET, STREET VENDOR OR PEDDLER IS SELLING MEDICINES, PLEASE REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS.**

1. PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES STANDARDS BRANCH  
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