



**RWANDA FDA**  
Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority

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**To: Human Retail Pharmacies (All)**

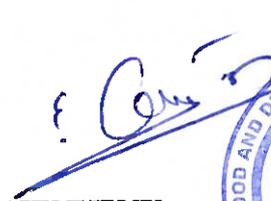
**Subject: Prohibition of dispensing specified medicines without medical prescription**

Reference is made to the Law N° 47/2012 of 14/01/2013 relating to the regulation and inspection of food and pharmaceutical products especially in its article 41 which provides that pharmaceutical products shall be dispensed upon presentation of a medical prescription;

Rwanda FDA has noticed that certain human retail pharmacies have been dispensing medicines including antibiotics and narcotics to patients without presenting a medical prescription. This malpractice poses health risk including anti-microbial resistance and drug abuse;

Therefore, Rwanda FDA formally reminds all human retail pharmacies that this malpractice is a violation of the Law and related regulatory requirements. Thus, Rwanda FDA instructs immediate stop of this malpractice. Any pharmacy found in violation of this prohibition will be subject to appropriate regulatory sanctions.

Sincerely,

  
**Prof. Emile BIENVENU**  
Director General



**Cc:**

- Hon. Minister of Health;
- Hon. Minister of State/ Ministry of Health;
- Chairperson/ National Pharmacy Council;
- Chairman/ Association des Importateurs Grossistes en Produits Pharmaceutiques.