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TO: Holders of Wholesale Dealers Permits

RENEWAL OF WHOLESALE DEALERS PERMITS

The Authority has noted the increase in licensure of premises dealing in medicines over the years. This has resulted in congestion during the renewal period causing inconveniences to both the Authority and permit holders. Going forward, the Authority has come up with measures to manage the flow of applications for the renewal of wholesale dealers permits.

- (i) Permits will now be renewed on the anniversary of the date the initial permit was issued, instead of a fixed annual date for all wholesale dealers.
- (ii) Considering that all wholesale dealers permits issued in 2023 will expire on the 31st of March, 2024, permit holders are expected to submit their applications for renewal before the 31st of March, 2024.

Please note that the renewal fees can be made in USD or ZWL equivalent. If you intend to make a payment in ZWL, your attention is drawn to Section 29 (5) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Control (General) Regulations, SI, 150 of 1991 ("the Regulations") which reads "*Where an application for the renewal of a permit has been lodged with the Director-General, the validity of the permit shall, where the applicant has not been given notice of the renewal or refusal of the application by the date of expiry of such licence, continue after the date of expiry until the decision of the Authority on the application is notified to the applicant by the Director-General*". It means therefore that, as long as an application for renewal is lodged with the Authority by the 31st of March, 2024, the previous permit shall continue on the basis of Section 29(5) of the Regulations, until notification is given by the Authority on the application.

The application process will be completed on the day of the anniversary of licensure, upon which the applicant shall be granted a physical permit of 12 months duration, upon paying the requisite permit fee in either USD or the ZWL equivalent.

Please be advised that payment in USD allows for issuance of a permit valid until the wholesale anniversary in 2025. Applicants paying in USD will therefore get immediate access to a physical permit issued by the Authority, which will be valid until the date of initial licensure.

The Authority reserves the right to move the permit dates a month backward or forward to manage the flow of applications. Affected permit holders will be notified.

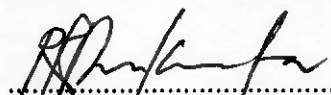
Please note that the expiration date for applications for renewal of Sales representative permits remain unchanged. These will continue to expire on the 31st of March, annually.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement these measures to streamline the renewal process for wholesale dealers permits. This will help to reduce congestion and inconvenience for both the Authority and permit holders.

A database listing initial date of licensure for wholesale dealers is available on the MCAZ website for reference. Scan the 2D barcode below and access the database. You are advised to go through the document and ensure that all your details have been captured accurately. Should you have any queries regarding renewal of permits, please send them to: licensingunit@mcaz.cozw

Yours faithfully

MEDICINES CONTROL AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE



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