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## CIRCULAR NO 03 OF 2025

Date: 22 January 2025

TO: ALL LICENSED PHARMACIES, WHOLESALERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CLINICS AND HOSPITALS, AND CONSUMERS

**RE: ALERT ON FALSIFIED ABHAYRAB RABIES VACCINE DISTRIBUTED BY UNAUTHORISED SOURCES**

The Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) has identified a falsified ABHAYRAB Rabies vaccine, circulating in the market through unauthorised sources. This falsified product poses a significant threat to public health due to the potential for lack of efficacy, harmful components, and the risk of treatment failure in preventing rabies, a fatal disease.

**HOW TO DETECT:**

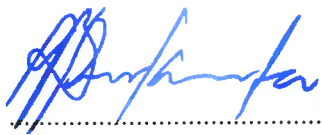
	<b>FALSIFIED VACCINE</b>	<b>REGISTERED VACCINE</b>
Product Name	RABIES VACCINE, HUMAN I.P.	RABIES VACCINE B.P. 'Rab'
Declared active ingredient	Purified Vero Cell Rabies Vaccine	Purified Vero Cell Rabies Vaccine
Stated Manufacturer	Human Biologicals Institute (A division of Indian Immunologicals Limited), Survey No.: 281-284 and 321, Biotech Park, Phase III, Karkapatla Village, Markook Mandal, Siddipet (Dist.) 502 281, Telanagana, India	Human Biologicals Institute (A division of Indian Immunologicals Limited), Kazhipannai, Pudumund P.O., Dr Basavaiah Nagar, Udhagamandalam, Pin: 643007, Tamil Nadu, India
Batch Number	KE24002 ( <i>Sample</i> )	24URAB086 ( <i>Sample</i> )
Expiry date	05/27 ( <i>Sample</i> )	OCT27 ( <i>Sample</i> )

	FALSIFIED VACCINE	REGISTERED VACCINE
Available photographs		
		

The Authority would like to draw the attention of all licensed wholesalers, pharmacies, public and private clinics and hospitals that they should quarantine any units of the falsified ABHAYRAB Rabies vaccine. Thereafter, these quarantined units must be submitted to the Authority for disposal. The general public who might have purchased the same falsified vaccine is advised to return the product to the pharmacy where they obtained the medicine.

Yours faithfully

**MEDICINES CONTROL AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE**



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