

Circular Letter N° D86-02 /CL/MINPH/SG/DPDL of 16 JAN 2024 *Recalling the process for supplying medicines to public and private health facilities.*

THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

To

Ladies and Gentlemen

Pharmacists in charge of pharmaceutical product distribution companies

It has come to my attention, and I deplore it, that private wholesalers of pharmaceutical products are supplying public and private health facilities, in breach of the regulations in force.

As a reminder, Order N°3827/MINPH of 05 December 2018 defining the terms and conditions for supplying health facilities with essential medicines and other pharmaceutical products stipulates that the health facilities in question are required to give priority to supplying themselves with medicines presented in generic form. They are also required to respect the categorisation presented in the National List of Essential Medicines, when selecting the products they manage.

Failure to comply with these directives, which makes wholesalers of pharmaceutical products liable, is likely to disrupt the healthcare system in general, and the national drug supply system in particular. It also contributes to the stock-outs observed in certain service outlets, as well as to the deregulation of drug purchase prices, and to the unfair competition faced by pharmacists in every division.

I therefore urge you to put an end to these bad practices without delay, on pain of the various penalties provided for by the regulations in force.

My relevant technical departments are responsible for ensuring strict compliance with these directives, to which I attach great importance.

AMPLIATIONS :

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- All GI/MINPH ;
- DPDL ;
- DRSP (10) ;
- CELLCOM/MINPH ;
- CNOPC/SYNAPOC/SNPC.

