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The Minister of Public Health, **Dr. MANAOUA Malachie**, hereby informs the general public and pharmacists in charge of wholesale distribution of pharmaceutical products and representatives of pharmaceutical laboratories in particular, that within the framework of measures undertaken to ensure the continuous availability of quality, safe and effective drugs for the benefit of the population,

A Special Import Authorization, valid for six (6) months from the date of signature of this press release, is granted to the pharmaceutical products appearing on the attached list, which can be consulted through the link www.dpml.cm, and available at the secretariat of the Department of Pharmacy, Drugs and Laboratories.

This Special Import Authorization, granted for Public Health reasons, covers a list of pharmaceutical references of essential therapeutic interest, which has no substitute molecules that can meet the needs of the Cameroon market.

Furthermore, the Minister of Public Health reminds pharmacists in charge of wholesale distribution of pharmaceutical products that in compliance with the procedures established in this regard, the drugs appearing on the above-mentioned list must be subjected, before being put on the market, to compliance and quality controls in the laboratory, initiated by Border Health Posts during their removal formalities.

He also invites the representatives of the laboratories manufacturing these products to submit, as soon as possible, applications for the granting or renewal of Marketing Authorizations in Cameroon for the drugs they are responsible.

Finally, the Minister of Public Health appeals to the usual sense of accountability of all actors in the pharmaceutical sector, for the proper implementation of this measure, in strict compliance with import procedures and respect of the National Procurement System for Drugs and Medical Devices.

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