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Circular Letter No. _____ CL/MOH/SG/DPML of 02 OCT 2019
To prohibit direct import of pharmaceuticals by private pharmacists

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TO

- **The Chairperson of National Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Cameroon;**
- **The Chairperson of Cameroon Private Pharmacists Union;**
- **The Chairperson of National Pharmacists Union of Cameroon;**
- **The Pharmacists, owners of private pharmacies.**

Pursuant to **Section 28 of Law No. 90/035 of 10 August 1990 to regulate the practice of the profession of pharmacist in Cameroon**, a private pharmacy is an establishment whose role is to fill prescription drugs, prepare drugs listed in the pharmacopoeia and retail accredited pharmaceuticals. As such, the private pharmacy is an essential link in our health system.

However, I have noted that some private pharmacies are involved in the illegal import of pharmaceuticals without the prior import authorisation of the Ministry of Public health and a marketing authorisation for the said products.

Under pain of suspension of defaulters' accreditation, I strongly urge you to end these practices which are inconsistent with current rules and regulations, and which tend to promote the trafficking and illicit trade of drugs as well as the growth of the informal sector.

Indeed, the importation of pharmaceuticals is the responsibility of accredited wholesale distributors, and those ranking as such. Hence, any other natural or legal entity who wishes to import these products for public health purposes should request from my services a derogation of import supported by the necessary documentation within reasonable deadlines.

I attach great importance to the strict respect of the provisions hereof.

Yaounde, 02 OCT 2019

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