



Quality Medicines for Malawi

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST NON-COMPLIANT PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESS PREMISES AND PERSONNEL

The Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA) is informing the general public that, pursuant to Section 36 as read with Section 37 of the PMRA Act, 2019, the Authority, at its 81st Board Meeting, considered and decided over five disciplinary cases involving three retail pharmacies, one medicine store and one pharmacist as listed below.

The Authority commenced regulatory action against owners of the listed pharmaceutical establishments and personnel for contravening relevant laws and regulations under the PMRA Act, 2019 and the Pharmacy Code of Ethics, including operating premises without qualified pharmacy personnel, stocking prescription only medicines (POM), selling prescription only medicines without prescription, failure to maintain traceable records, and negligence.

All five cases registered a guilty verdict.

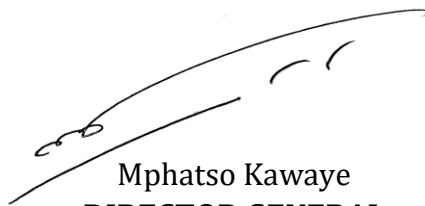
The summary below provides list of the premises and personnel, details of charges levelled against them and corresponding regulatory actions taken by the Authority:

Case no.	Charge(s)	Verdict	Board resolution
Case No.006 of 2024: Mr. Wisdom Mzinga, the Managing Director of Dable Medicine Store, Mwanza.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stocking controlled and prescription only medicine (POMs) in a medicine store.2. Operating a medicine store without appropriate pharmacy personnel3. Removal of PMRA's seal of closure from a business premises without authorization.	Guilty	Suspension of operations for 6 months

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<p>CASE NO. 007 OF 2024: The Managing Directors, Med Gurus Retail Pharmacy, as a body corporate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating a retail pharmacy without a pharmacist. 2. Selling/supplying Prescription Only Medicines (POM) without Prescriptions. 3. Failing to maintain Prescription Records. 4. Negligence in relation to charges 1, 2 & 3 above in contravention of Principle 3 of the Pharmacy Code of Ethics, considering that the Managing Directors are pharmacists. 	<p>Guilty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension for 9 months; • Written warning to the Directors of Medi Gurus Pharmacy, Mr. Stanford Miyango and Mr. Innocent Mainjeni, for their unprofessional conduct.
<p>Case no. 008 of 2024: Mr Pious Imran, pharmacist, Pharmicare Pharmacies – Mangochi.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selling/supplying Prescription Only Medicines (POM) without Prescriptions. 2. Failing to maintain Prescription Records. 3. Negligence in relation to charges 1 & 2 in contravention of Principle 3 of the Pharmacy Code of Ethics. 	<p>Guilty</p>	<p>Written warning to Mr Pious Imran as a responsible Pharmacist.</p>
<p>Case no. 011 of 2024: The Managing Director, Right Care Retail Pharmacy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating a retail pharmacy without a pharmacist. 2. Failure to maintain traceable records. 	<p>Guilty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written warning to the managing director on the malpractice; • The premises to be reopened upon demonstration of compliance with the regulatory observations in line with a court order issued by the Karonga Magistrate's Court.
<p>Case no.12: Managing Director, Hajjie Retail Pharmacy</p>	<p>Operating a retail pharmacy without a pharmacist.</p>	<p>Guilty</p>	<p>Closure.</p>

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