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19th March, 2018

The Executive Director,
National Drug Authority,
P.O. Box 7270,
Kampala.



Dear Madam,

RE: DEMAND FOR INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTERFEIT HEPATITIS B VACCINES

The Anti-Counterfeit Network (ACN) is a private sector multi – stakeholder organization aimed at bridging the intervention gaps between those affected by and those who affect counterfeiting.

In response to the NDA press release of 13th March, 2018, which notified the general public about counterfeit hepatitis B vaccines found in some areas of Uganda, ACN is preparing a public interest law suit in which all persons affected can obtain redress and all culprits can be held accountable in accordance with the law. This action is intended to strengthen protection of our collective public health for the public good.

We have noted however that the NDA press release does not include vital information which is necessary to support the law suit. The required information includes the following;

- 1) What are the quantities of impounded counterfeit hepatitis B vaccines and how have they been stored or disposed of?



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- 2) Did you ascertain that the vaccines were counterfeit by packaging, quantity or contents?
- 3) Have any Lab test analysis of the counterfeit vaccines been done to show the dangers /health effects on human life?
- 4) Does NDA have the capacity to conduct lab tests on biological drugs like vaccines, if not, why?
- 5) How many Ugandans have received the counterfeit vaccines?
- 6) Have you found other counterfeit vaccines in other parts of Uganda apart from those mentioned in the press release?
- 7) Have the Ugandans in (5) above been screened and monitored for any post vaccination side effects? If so, can you avail the report?
- 8) Did the hospitals which were found with the counterfeit vaccines have licensed drug outlets? If yes or No, what sanctions (*like closure/cancellation of licenses*) have been taken against them and their Directors?
- 9) Have these hospitals been tasked to identify the unlicensed dealers who sold to them the counterfeit vaccines? If so, who and how many are they? If not, why?
- 10) Have the hospitals in (8) above refunded monies collected from Ugandans who received the counterfeit vaccines?
- 11) Has your post market surveillance revealed how the counterfeit vaccines were imported and by who?
- 12) How many suspects have been arrested for dealing in counterfeit vaccines and at which Police stations are they held? What are the case reference numbers and how many have been taken to Court?
- 13) How sure are you that the Hepatitis B vaccines you are asking Ugandans to take again are genuine? Do you have any verification reports to show that they are genuine?

We have also noted that there have been previous reports of fake cancer drugs, HIV and other medicines in Uganda. To this end, we require the full investigation reports which detail action taken by NDA in the past 5 years.

By virtue of the provisions of the **Access to Information Act 2005**, you are required to avail the above information to us within 21 days from date of this letter.

By copy hereof, our Lawyers M/s Muwema & Co. Advocates and M/s KSMO Advocates are notified to make the necessary follow up.

Please treat this matter with the urgency and importance it deserves.

Yours faithfully,



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(COMPANY SECRETARY)

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c.c.: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Kampala.

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