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Ministry of Health

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PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Health is honored to inform you, doctors, who give prescriptions and all pharmacists responsible for pharmaceutical establishments, pharmaceutical import-export establishments, pharmacies, sub-pharmacies, vendors and all citizens that:

- With reference to Letter No. 0905 អបស/ឱអបស, dated September 23, 2008, of the Ministry of Health on the cessation of pharmaceutical production, imports, registration, delisting of a number of registered pills for curing malaria that are a type of pill to be taken containing the active ingredient Artemisinin or Artesunate or Artemether or Dihydroartemisin only, resulted in resistance to malaria treatment and as in Cambodian markets at present, the said malaria drugs prohibited by the Ministry of Health are still being circulated;

Therefore, in accordance with the Law on Pharmaceutical Management, the ministry hereby sets out the following measures.

1. Pharmaceutical establishments and pharmaceutical import-export establishments operating the production, importation or distribution of the above medicines shall undertake to collect those medicines from pharmacies or sub-pharmacies in the Kingdom of Cambodia;
2. All pharmaceutical establishments shall cease displaying the above medicines for sale from the date of this notification onwards;
3. All capital-provincial departments of health shall take measures to provide instructions to all branches of pharmaceutical import-export establishments, pharmacies and sub-pharmacies as stipulated in Article 1 above;
4. The ministry will take strict measures according to the law on any pharmaceutical establishments, pharmaceutical import-export establishments, pharmacies, sub-pharmacies that continue the production, importation or distribution and display of the above medicines for sale. *(Initials)*

CC:

- Ministry of Information "for help in dissemination"
- Secretariat of the capital and provincial inter-ministerial commissions and committees to eliminate counterfeit medicines and illegal services
- All national hospitals
- All capital-provincial departments of health
- Department of Medicines, Food, Medical Equipment and Cosmetics
- All radio and television stations "for help in dissemination"
- All newspapers "for help in dissemination"
- Records-Archives *(Initials)*

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