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FDA ALERTS GENERAL PUBLIC ON SEIZURE OF FAKE COVID-19 VACCINES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Subsequent to the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA)'s Press Release dated January 12, 2021, committing to providing periodic up-dates on Covid-19 vaccines, the FDA hereby wishes to inform the general public that, so far, the only Covid-19 vaccines authorised for use in Ghana are **SPUTNIK V** and **COVISHIELD** vaccines. Furthermore, the **importation** and **deployment** of these two vaccines in the country are under the control of **only the Ministry of Health** and the **Ghana Health Service**, respectively.

This alert has become necessary as a result of reports of the seizure of fake COVID-19 vaccines **in South Africa**. The FDA wishes to caution the general public that online advertising, offering for sale and supply of medicinal products including the COVID-19 vaccines are strictly prohibited. Therefore, the public should **not purchase any COVID-19 vaccines online**.

The public and courier services including shippers and freight forwarders are further cautioned that any unauthorised imports of vaccines will be in contravention of Sec 118 of the Public Health Act and the FDA's Guidelines for Emergency Use Authorisation of Medical Products (FDA/GEN/GL-EUA/2021/04). Covid-19 Vaccines are to be expressly imported **only by and through the Ministry of Health**.


The Authority wishes to assure the general public that with the collaboration of the security and kindred agencies, it will continue its monitoring and remains committed to protecting public health and safety as mandated by the Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851.


The public is therefore advised to report to the FDA any suspicious activity(ies) relating to the advertising and offering for sale and supply of COVID 19 vaccines and/or related products. All reports/complaints shall be treated in confidence.

To help prevent the spread of the virus, the we encourage all to continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols.

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