COUGH SYRUP CONTAINING DEXTROMETHORPHAN

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Surveys conducted by National Drug Policy (NDP) Office and reports received by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) show that certain cough syrup products containing Dextromethorphan have been abused. While the abuse potential of dextromethorphan cough syrup preparations is under study, BFAD registers and allow cough syrup preparation only in 30 mL, 60 mL and 120 mL packing/presentation as a measure to prevent abuse.

Cough syrup preparations in more than 120 mL commercial presentation are not registered and/or allowed, therefore they should not be found in any drug outlet.

All manufacturers and traders, therefore who are producing dextromethorphan - containing cough syrup in packing larger than 120 mL are given 45 days from this date to retrieve the same from the market, otherwise, the said products will be subject to confiscation.

All Food and Drug Regulation Officers are directed to closely monitor the dispensing of the subject products in their respective area of jurisdiction and to report any indication or evidence of abuse.

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