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To:

Director of Pharmaceutical Care, Royal Hospital
Director of Pharmaceutical Care, Khoula Hospital
Pharmacist Incharge, Al Nahdha Hospital
Director General of Health Services in all Governorates
Director General of Pvt. Health Est. Affairs (to kindly arrange distribution to all Pvt. Health Institutions)
Director of Pharmaceutical Care, DGMS
Pharmacist Incharge, Al Massarah Hospital
The Head of Medical Services in University Medical City
The Head of Medical Services in Medical City for Military and Security Services
Director of Pharmacy of Qaboos Comprehensive Cancer Care & Research Center
Pharmacist Incharge, The Sultan's Special Force
Pharmacist Incharge, Internal Security Services
Pharmacist Incharge, Petroleum Development of Oman
Pharmacist Incharge, LNG Oman
All Private Pharmacies & Drug Stores

After Compliments,

Kindly find attached our Circular No.114 /2026 dated 11 /11/2026 Regarding the Warning about Unapproved Nicotine Gum Products Suspected to be Falsified.

Copy to:

- **Director of Pharmacovigilance Department, DSC**
- **Director of Medicine Registration Department, DSC**
- **Director of Regulatory Compliance Department, DSC**
- **Director of Central Quality Control Lab., DSC**
- **Director of Medical Device Department, DSC**
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Subject: Warning about unapproved nicotine gum products

The Drug Safety Center (DSC) would like to share the safety advisory issued by the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) concerning unapproved nicotine chewing gum suspected to be falsified and unlawfully supplied in Australia. Product images published by the TGA are referenced in Annex1.

The TGA seized large quantities of these products, whose labels indicate high nicotine doses. They are not included in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) and have not been evaluated by the TGA for quality, safety or efficacy. Their ingredients, actual nicotine content and manufacturing quality cannot be assured.

Nicotine is highly addictive and can be toxic, particularly to children. Unverified products may contain inconsistent nicotine levels or undisclosed harmful ingredients. The TGA is investigating their importation, advertising and supply.

Advice for Healthcare Professionals

- Review Annex 1 when assessing any suspected product. Do not dispense suspected falsified nicotine gum. and notify the Drug Safety Center for assessment and further instructions.
- Record the product name, labelled strength, batch number, expiry date, supplier and available quantities, and provide clear photographs when reporting suspected products.

Advice for Healthcare Professionals to Provide Patient

- Do not use the unapproved nicotine gum products identified in the TGA alert. Consult a healthcare professional if you have used them and have concerns.
- Keep all nicotine products out of the reach of children. Seek urgent medical assistance if a child is suspected to have swallowed nicotine gum.
- Obtain medicines from licensed pharmacies and avoid products from unverified online or social media sellers.

Call to report

Healthcare professionals, patients and caregivers are requested to report suspected falsified products and associated adverse drug reactions to the Pharmacovigilance Department at the Drug Safety Center through the established national reporting channels.

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Annex 1 : Identification of suspected falsified nicotine gum

Product photographs referenced in the TGA safety advisory. The advisory does not provide a batch-specific recall list.

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