

QSM/MC/IEA.128

26<sup>th</sup> July 2013**Information Exchange System****Alert No. 128****Falsified batches of Postinor 2 recently discovered in Nigeria****Background**

In late June 2013 a batch of falsified Postinor 2 was discovered at Lagos International Airport, Nigeria, containing no active pharmaceutical ingredient.

Postinor 2 is an emergency contraceptive ( 0.75mg levonorgestrel). The genuine product is manufactured by Gedeon Richter and is a widely used WHO pre-qualified medicine.

Two large boxes containing 150.000 doses of Postinor 2 were discovered at Lagos International Airport by the Nigerian Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). The first box contained thousands of Blisters containing 2 x tablets of Postinor 2 in each. The second box contained the outer boxes and patient information leaflets.

WHO were informed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 and subsequently contacted Gedeon Richter. Samples were sent by WHO to a Forensic laboratory for further analysis, where it was established that the tablets contained no active pharmaceutical ingredient (levonorgestrel).

**Suspect medical product**

The details of the falsified batch of Postinor 2 is as follows.

**Batch number:** T13073C  
**Expiry Date:** 03.2017  
**Manufacturing Date:** 03.2012

The packaging is in English and bears a falsified stamp of the Nigerian Agency for Food and Drug Administration , NAFDAC.

The batch number is a genuine Gedeon Richter Batch number, but the expiry date and date of manufacture are falsified.

Gedeon Richter have informed WHO that falsified batches of Postinor 2 have previously been found in Africa:

Ghana – April 2011	Batch Number T54365E
Kenya – June 2011	Batch Number T99128L
Angola – November 2012	Batch Number T12104B

**Advice**

**Increased vigilance throughout the supply chain is strongly advised for these batches. Postinor 2 should only be obtained from trusted, reliable and established legal sources.**

If you have any questions or further information concerning this batch, or any is found or reported in your country, please contact [rapidalert@who.int](mailto:rapidalert@who.int)