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To: All Manufacturers

Subject: Authorization for Pre-shipment inspection and testing Scheme for All Health-related Products before export to Somalia, Effective 10th January 2025

The Ministry of Health and Human Services, FGS, has introduced regulatory measures, including **Pre-Shipment Inspection and Testing, Product Safety Monitoring, and Market Surveillance and Control** to address concerns about counterfeit and substandard-quality medicines, biologics, medical devices, herbal medicines, cosmetics, and food supplements entering the country. This initiative aligns with regional, continental, and global standards and comes after 34 years of an unregulated market for pharmaceutical and healthcare products in Somalia, which has hindered healthcare outcomes.

The pre-shipment inspection and testing of health-related products before export to Somalia from various countries will enable the country to receive high-quality, standardized products. This service covers the inspection and testing of all imported **health-related products** to ensure compliance with preset quality standards before departure from their respective countries of origin. Compliance with these regulatory measures is **mandatory** for all shipments imported into Somalia.

The Ministry of Health has awarded a service contract to the **Center for Testing and Research Services (CTRS)** to perform this mandatory pre-shipment inspection and quality testing for all shipments destined for Somalia, in collaboration with the Somalia Interim National Medicines Regulatory Authority (INMRA) under the Ministry of Health. Since the NMRA currently lacks the capacity to conduct these regulatory requirements Hence all importers and exporters are required to obtain a **Clean Report of Inspection and Analysis (CRIA)** from CTRS to facilitate the clearance of their goods for export to Somalia. Failure to obtain this mandatory document will result in the rejection of goods during the importation process. This **Pre-Shipment Inspection and Testing Service** aims to eliminate counterfeit and substandard medicines from entering the country.


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Cc: All National Medicines Regulatory Authorities
(Kenya, Ethiopia, China, Turkey, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and UAE)
Cc: Somalia Interim National Medicines Regulatory Authority
Cc: Somalia Bureau of Standards
Cc: Custom authority under the Ministry of Finance, FGS