

Pharmaceutical Anti-Counterfeiting Anti-Diversion Flash Report

This report provides a summary of pharmaceutical counterfeiting and diversion focused articles tracked during the month of January 2010. Provided are article titles along with hot links. All links are maintained by 3rd party websites and, therefore, availability may change. Here are the headlines:

FDA Warns Consumers about Counterfeit Alli, Breitbart.com

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning to consumers about a counterfeit and potentially harmful version of Alli 60 mg capsules (120 count refill kit).

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=xprnw.20100118.DC39206&show_article=1

Fake Pharmaceuticals,

Counterfeiters are continuing to develop more sophisticated knockoffs including putting them in packaging that possesses anti-counterfeiting security features, such as holograms.

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/science/88/8801sci1.html>

FDA conducts raids to check fake drugs, The Times of India

Surprise inspections were carried out in 14 districts of the state by officials from the FDA to check the rampant adulterated drugs trade.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/FDA-conducts-raids-to-check-fake-drugs/articleshow/5385971.cms>

Police seize 20m fake drugs in Southeast Asia, SecuringPharma.com

An international police operation in Southeast Asia has resulted in the seizure of around 20 million fake and illegal medicines and the arrests of more than 30 people, according to Interpol.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/40/articles/362.php>

Risks of online ED drugs exposed, SecuringPharma.com

A research team from the UK, Sweden and Pfizer in the US reviewed more than 50 studies published between 1995 and 2009 to determine the scale of counterfeiting.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/40/articles/361.php>

W. Va. Senate takes aim at prescription drug abuse, Business Week

West Virginia Senate introduced legislation aimed at curbing the state's problem with prescription drugs as they have one of the highest fatal overdose rates in the country.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9DGA38O0.htm>

Officials fear toxic ingredient in Botox could become terrorist tool, The Washington Post

Vials of black-market Botox found to be a potent clone of the real thing are available the world over through the Internet and terrorism experts see an opportunity for a deadly convergence.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/24/AR2010012403013.html?hpid=topnews>

NAFDAC impounds N100m worth of fake drugs, Vanguard

Anti malarial tablets worth over N10 million were impounded as two pharmaceutical shops were shut down for stocking the fake drugs.

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2010/01/20/nafdac-impounds-n100m-worth-of-fake-drugs/comment-page-1/>

Florida Holds First Statewide Prescription Drug Task Force Meeting, The Gov Monitor

A Statewide Prescription Drug Task Force is created to explore strategies for protecting citizens from the illegal diversion of prescription drugs.

http://thegovmonitor.com/world_news/united_states/florida-holds-first-statewide-prescription-drug-task-force-meeting-21338.html

Global threats in 2010 revealed by report, BBC News

A study by the World Economic Forum's Global Risks suggests that counterfeited drugs represent almost 10% of the worldwide pharmaceuticals market.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/8459431.stm>

Illegal tablets seized at Newcastle airport, The Northern Echo

Around 80,000 illegally imported Sildenafil tablets were seized by UK Border Agency officers at Newcastle Airport.

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/4846030.Illegal_tablets_seized_at_Newcastle_airport/

Eliminating Counterfeit Medicines is a Public Health Challenge – WHO,

Counterfeit medicines are found everywhere in the world ranging from random mixtures of harmful toxic substances to inactive, ineffective preparations.

<http://www.turkishweekly.net/news/95305/eliminating-counterfeit-medicines-is-a-public-health-challenge-who.html>

Fake contraceptive tablets flood the market, Turkish Weekly

Fake tablet manufacturers are taking advantage of the demand increase for contraceptive and slimming pills

http://www.dnaindia.com/bangalore/report_fake-contraceptive-tablets-flood-the-market_1332636

Texas Lawsuit Filed in Heparin Blood-Thinner Death, Attorney Law

A lawsuit has been filed by the family of a Texas man who died after receiving a contaminated dose of the blood thinner heparin.

<http://www.attorneyatlaw.com/2010/01/texas-lawsuit-filed-in-heparin-blood-thinner-death/>

Fraud alert over fake diet and Viagra pills, Times Online

Pharmaceutical experts warn Thousands of people are being ripped off every week after buying counterfeit diet tablets or Viagra online.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/money/article7008367.ece>

Fake drugs worth millions recovered, The News

During routine patrolling, the Anti-Car Lifting Cell team stopped a suspicious car and found spurious medicines worth millions of rupees which were being supplied to various chemist shops at cheaper rates.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=218479

Mexico's Shadow Pharma Market, Latin Business Chronicle

Mexico's counterfeiting, theft and illegal sales of samples cost drug-makers nearly US\$2 billion a year.

<http://www.latinbusinesschronicle.com/app/article.aspx?id=3905>