

# Pharmaceutical Anti-Counterfeiting Anti-Diversion Flash Report

This report provides a summary of pharmaceutical counterfeiting and diversion focused articles tracked during the month of April 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:

*Pharma group warns warehouse thieves may strike again*, SecuringPharma.com

Following the \$76 million theft from Eli Lilly's warehouse, a number of pharmaceutical companies have reported suspicious activities around distribution facilities.

<http://www.securingpharma.com/40/articles/444.php>

*Thieves raid another pharma warehouse*, SecuringPharma.com

Another pharmaceutical warehouse was burglarized resulting in the loss of around \$40,000 worth of inventory.

<http://www.securingpharma.com/40/articles/451.php>

*U.S. Seizes Big Batches of Fake Goods*, The Wall Street Journal

US Officials confiscate \$240 million in counterfeit merchandise calling it their biggest-ever seizure of counterfeit goods following their long-running investigation.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704446704575206123664664804.html?mod=WSJ\\_hpp\\_MIDDLETopStories](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704446704575206123664664804.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLETopStories)

*Black-market prescription drugs worry FDA*, CBC News

The Food and Drug Administration is warning of a growing black market and increasing theft in prescription and over the counter drugs, medical devices and infant formula.

<http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2010/04/29/con-fda-cargo-theft.html>

*Report: Fake Drugs a Growing International Threat*, AOL News

Research shows that counterfeit drugs are a growing problem around the world and developing countries are especially vulnerable.

<http://www.aolnews.com/world/article/report-fake-drugs-a-growing-international-threat/19427048>

*A Bitter Pill*, Business Today.com Egypt

According to government estimates, up to 10% of the medicine on pharmacy shelves is fake, though industry insiders believe the number could be much higher.

<http://www.businesstodayegypt.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=8932>

*Fake drugs back in W. African markets*, The Daily Monitor

After it was believed that the manufacture and distribution of counterfeit drugs had faded, a large consignment of assorted fake drugs worth several thousands of dollars was recently confiscated.

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/World/-/688340/908536/-/fkv6i4z/-/>

*German customs operation gives counterfeiters the blues*, SecuringPharma.com

Operation Project Blue is targeted at the illegal trade in pharmaceuticals and is being conducted by a 12-member team from German customs.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/40/articles/455.php>

*NAFDAC intercepts fake drugs worth N600m*, Vanguard

National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control intercepted 7 truck-loads of fake drugs valued at over N600 million in Lagos State.

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2010/04/28/nafdac-intercepts-fake-drugs-worth-n600m/>

*Cambodian crackdown decimates illegal pharmacies*, SecuringPharma.com

A five month anti-counterfeiting operation by the Cambodian government has led to the closure of around 65 percent of the illegal pharmacies operating in the country and the banning five manufacturers from supplying products.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/40/articles/461.php>

*China Pledges To Monitor Fake Drug Flow Into Nigeria, VOA New*

According to Nigerian authorities, this agreement will lead to more quality medicines for in a country the World Health Organization says has more fake drugs than any other country on the continent.

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/africa/China-Pledges-To-Monitor-Fake-Drug-Flow-Into-Nigeria-91722089.html>

*Gold-medal Paralympic curler charged with trafficking in fake Viagra, The Vancouver Sun*

Jim Armstrong, the skip of Canada's gold-medal curling team at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympics has been arrested and charged with trafficking in counterfeit Viagra and Cialis.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Gold+medal+Paralympic+curler+charged+with+trafficking+fake+Viagra/2937341/story.html>