

# 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 2012. 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:

*US counterfeit drug seizures up 200 percent in 2011*, SecuringPharma.com

The United States Customs seized \$16.8 Million worth of counterfeit drugs in 2011, an increase of roughly \$11 Million from 2010.

<http://www.securingspharma.com/us-counterfeit-drug-seizures-up-200-per-cent-in-2011/s40/a1168/>

*Illegal drugs feeding off pharmacy supply chain; 'These drugs are killing a lot of people'*, National Post

Hundreds of thousands of doses of OxyContin, morphine and other prescription narcotics are robbed, pilfered or otherwise lost from the pharmacy supply chain annually, according to Health Canada.

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/01/23/illegal-drugs-feeding-off-pharmacy-supply-chain-these-drugs-are-killing-a-lot-of-people/>

*Fake malaria drugs could 'put millions at risk'*, BBC

In a study recently published in *Malaria Journal*, scientists working for a U.K. collaborative in Laos report that counterfeit versions of artemisinin, a powerful antimalarial drug, were found in 11 countries in Africa between 2002 and 2010.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16588153>

*Faulty drugs claim 104 lives in Pakistan*, Islamic Republic News Agency

Spurious drugs provided by Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) is responsible for the deaths of more than 100 heart patients and leaving dozens more in critical condition.

<http://www.irna.ir/News/General/Faulty-drugs-claim-104-lives-in-Pakistan/30783587>

*Drug Shortages Raise the Risk of Counterfeit Cancer Medicines, U.S. Says, Bloomberg*

The US Food and Drug Administration has warned healthcare providers that current shortages of injectable cancer medications may present an opportunity for unscrupulous individuals to introduce non-FDA approved products into the drug supply, which could result in serious harm to patients.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-01-13/drug-shortages-raise-the-risk-of-counterfeit-cancer-medicines-u-s-says.html>

*Peddling Poison: The Counterfeit Drug Problem in America, SafeMedicines.org*

In this video, Rick Roberts, a counterfeit medicine victim and patient advocate, explains the case of Manuel Calvelo, a Belgian citizen who ran numerous online fake pharmacies selling counterfeit drugs that claimed to treat serious health issues, such as a heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

<http://www.safemedicines.org/2012/01/peddling-poison-the-counterfeit-drug-problem-in-america-397.html>

*Study reveals counterfeit medicine patterns in Brazil, SecuringPharma.com*

Steroids and drugs for erectile dysfunction topped the list of counterfeited medicines seized by authorities in Brazil between 2007 and 2010, according to a new study.

<http://www.securingpharma.com/study-reveals-counterfeit-medicine-patterns-in-brazil/s40/a1165/>

*Fake drugs given to NHS patients still untraced, BBC*

According to this BBC Health investigation, only 8 patients out of several thousand who received counterfeit medicines in 2007 were identified, and only three of these were informed of the incident.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16760513>

*Swedes find rat poison in 'male-enhancement' pills bought online, Daily Caller*

Swedish police and customs officials confiscated 6,300 unapproved erectile dysfunction and male-enhancement pills purchased over the Internet and one-third of the samples were found to contain ingredients that weren't supposed to be present, including the rat poison strychnine.

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/01/17/swedes-find-rat-poison-in-male-enhancement-pills-bought-online/#ixzz1I9aTK28x>