



# Dirección Nacional de Medicamentos

República de El Salvador, América Central

## UNIDAD DE INSPECCIÓN Y FISCALIZACIÓN



### COMUNICACIÓN DE ALERTA

Santa Tecla, 08 de agosto de 2017

LA DIRECCIÓN NACIONAL DE MEDICAMENTOS (DNM) ALERTA SOBRE  
**PRODUCTO: Quinine Sulphate 300**

Nivel de alerta: 1

Nombre del producto: Quinine Sulphate 300

Presentación/Forma Farmacéutica: Frasco conteniendo tabletas recubiertas

Número de registro sanitario: No Presenta

Laboratorio Fabricante: Remedica

Lote(s): 15946

Fecha de vencimiento: 03/2018

Entidad emisora de la Alerta: OMS

País de Origen: África

Fecha de emisión de la Alerta: 27 de julio de 2017

Indicación/uso: El sulfato de quinina se encuentra indicado para el tratamiento de la malaria por Falciparum.

Descripción del problema encontrado: Producto Falsificado que no contiene el ingrediente farmacéutico activo declarado, no corresponde al registro genuino del fabricante. No se encontró registro sanitario alguno ni importaciones del producto, de acuerdo a la investigación realizada por la DNM.

La DNM alerta a toda la población a abstenerse de adquirir y/o suministrar éste producto, en virtud de que su uso representa un riesgo para la salud de la persona que lo consuma. En razón de que el producto **Quinine Sulphate 300** No Cumple con los requerimientos de calidad que avale su seguridad, calidad y eficacia.

La DNM recomienda no adquirir este tipo de producto ya que pueden generar un riesgo a la salud. Así mismo recuerda adquirir los medicamentos en lugares autorizados por la DNM. Cualquier duda puede recurrir a ésta Dirección llamando al teléfono gratuito 136.

Se informa que la DNM continuará las acciones de vigilancia, como el aseguramiento de productos, para evitar la venta de los mismos porque representan un riesgo a la población.

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### ANEXOS

#### 1: Falsified Quinine Sulphate 300 , Remedica

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<i>Batch Number</i>	15946
<i>Expiry Date</i>	03/18
<i>Manufacturing Date</i>	02/15
<i>Manufacturer</i>	Remedica



Link de información de alerta:

[http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/drugalerts/drug\\_alert2-2017/en/](http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/drugalerts/drug_alert2-2017/en/)

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Details and photographs of both products are shown below:

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2: Falsified QUININE Bisulphate 300mg, B.P., Laboratory & Allied	
Product Name	QUININE Bisulphate 300mg, B.P.
Batch Number	7422
Expiry Date	12-2018
Manufacturing Date	5-2015
Manufacturer	Laboratory & Allied Ltd

It is necessary to ensure that all medical products are obtained from authentic and reliable sources. Their authenticity and origin should be carefully checked and verified with manufacturers before use.

**If you are in possession of these products, please do not use them.** If you have taken this falsified product, or if you suffer an adverse event following its uptake, please seek immediate advice from a qualified healthcare professional, and report the incident to your local Ministry of Health/National Medicines Regulatory Authority/National Pharmacovigilance Centre.

WHO requests increased vigilance within the supply chains of countries likely to be affected by these falsified products. Increased vigilance should include hospitals, clinics, health centres, pharmacies and any other suppliers of medical products.

Health authorities are asked to immediately notify WHO if these falsified products are discovered in their country. If you have any information on their supply and/or distribution, please contact [rapidem@who.int](mailto:rapidem@who.int)

WHO Global Surveillance and Monitoring System on Substandard and Falsified Medical Products

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