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PRESS RELEASE

Iaso Tea

The Public is notified that there is a product called Iaso Tea which is said to have medicinal properties and is promoted through network marketing in Botswana. The product is sold across the country without the approval of the Ministry of Health & Wellness as a medicinal product.

The public should be aware that as per the TLC statement this product is a herbal tea and does not have proven medicinal properties and therefore cannot be marketed and sold as such. The medical properties promoted as treating 25 medical conditions are not proven. Therefore any person selling this product or any other related products with medicinal claims will be charged according to Section 23(1)(2) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 2013 which states that;

“(1) No person shall import, export, manufacture, distribute, sell, promote, advertise, store; or dispense any medicine or cosmetic, unless the medicine or cosmetic is registered by the Authority. (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to both.”

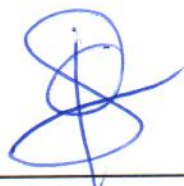
Should you find anyone selling or advertising the product with medicinal claims please contact the Ministry at the following contacts:

Ministry of Health and Wellness
Toll free No: 0800 600 740

Drugs Regulatory Unit: 3632381/2383/2064 or at email: dunit@gov.bw
MoHW Public Relations: 363 2020

Food Control Unit: 3632121/2136 or email: foodsafety@gov.bw

For comments; Ministry of Health and Wellness, Republic of Botswana face book page.



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