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Dear Owner/Responsible Pharmacist,

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At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and the National State of Disaster, the South African Pharmacy Council (Council resolved to suspend certain conditions concerning monitoring inspections; in particular, Council resolved to notify registered persons prior to an inspection being conducted.

Inspections are conducted in terms of sections 22(6) and 38A of the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974. According to Section 38A of the Pharmacy Act, '*Any officer appointed in terms of this Act who is required or authorised to perform any duty on behalf of the council and any person appointed by virtue of the provisions of section 49(1)(l)(v) to make any inspection, may enter any pharmacy at any time reasonable for the proper performance of such duty or the making of such inspection*'.

Taking into consideration the current conditions and the termination of the COVID-19 National State of Disaster, Council has taken a decision to repeal its earlier resolution. Therefore, Council Inspection Officers will, with immediate effect, no longer be announcing monitoring inspections prior to arriving at pharmacies.

In terms of Section 22A and Section 35A(d) of the Pharmacy Act, Council shall be entitled to investigate and inspect the practice and the conduct of the business of a pharmacy. Refusal for an Inspection Officer to conduct an inspection is an offence which may be punishable as an omission in terms of *Rules relating to the acts or omissions for which Council may take disciplinary action*; in particular, Rule 17.

Yours faithfully,

VM Tlala  
**Registrar/CEO**

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