

STATEMENT ON THE SEARCH OPERATION AT THE FOHOWAY UGANDA HEALTH PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED OFFICES

On the 17th September 2021, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) Enforcement Unit carried out a search operation to identify suspected trademark counterfeit products at Fohoway Uganda Health Products Company Limited's offices, in Unicalo House, Kololo.

This followed a complaint on the alleged sale of counterfeit health products bearing identical marks of 'FOHOW' and 'FOHOWAY', without the authorisation of the registered trademark owner, Fohow International Uganda Limited.

URSB is the Government Agency and National Intellectual Property Office with the overall responsibility of administering and managing Intellectual Property (IP) rights in Uganda. In collaboration with Uganda Police Force, URSB facilitates IP enforcement of rights. Upon registration, the owner of a trademark is granted exclusive rights to its use, and no other person is expected to use the sign, mark or symbol without authorisation from the owner.

Trademark counterfeiting involves the use of identical or substantially similar marks to registered marks without the authorisation of the registered owner.

This search operation was therefore conducted as part of preliminary investigations to identify alleged counterfeit products. Investigations are currently ongoing for purposes of prosecuting the suspected counterfeiters.

URSB wishes to inform the Public that any persons found forging, counterfeiting or falsely applying a registered trademark, shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable laws.

We remain committed to fighting counterfeit goods as they deprive rightful IP owners of their right to a livelihood, and threaten the right to health of unsuspecting consumers of these harmful products.



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