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HEALTH ADVISORY – MEDICAL PRODUCT ALERT CONTAMINATED COUGH SYRUP, TRILLIUM Guaifenesin Syrup 100mg/5mL, CONTAINING ETHYLENE GLYCOL/DIETHYLENE GLYCOL PULLED FROM PHARMACY SHELVES OVER SAFETY CONCERN

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs wishes to advise the general public of a contaminated cough syrup (TRILLIUM Guaifenesin Syrup, TG SYRUP, 100mg/5mL, Batch:SL-429, Expiry: October 2023, Manufacturer: QP Pharmachem Ltd, India) being removed from pharmacy shelves.

On April 6, 2023, the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) alerted the department of a contaminated cough syrup which were in stock/on shelves and are subject for removal per the results of their analysis of the cough syrup.

The analysis found that the cough syrup contains unacceptable amounts of ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol, two chemicals which are not safe for human consumption. The use of the contaminated cough syrup may result in serious injury or death especially in children.

In this regard, the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs advises that if you have this affected cough syrup, **PLEASE DO NOT USE IT** and return it to the closest hospital pharmacy.
or dispensary near you. However, if you or someone you know has used the affected cough syrup and suffered unexpected side-effects like stomachache, vomiting, diarrhea, inability to pass urine, headache or altered mental state during or after using it, please seek immediate medical advice from a healthcare professional.

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