

The Medicrime Convention

15%

15% of medicines in circulation worldwide may be fake¹.

30%

Fake medicines can represent up to 30% of medicines in circulation in some areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America².



123

countries are impacted by fake medicines³.

1 in 5

WHO Member States has a well-developed medicine regulation system⁴.



A state deprived of a fully functioning legislation is a prime target for counterfeiters⁶.

Medicines counterfeiting is not sufficiently sanctioned
For example, in France⁵:



NARCOTIC

10 YEARS
of imprisonment



7 500 000€



FAKE
MEDICINES

7 YEARS
of imprisonment



750 000€



Individuals taking part in the production and traffic of fake medicines are criminals

The counterfeiting (falsification) of medicines must be sanctioned and repressed!

THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION, A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW TOOL



Public Health Protection

COUNTERFEIT (FALSIFIED) MEDICINES ARE A THREAT AGAINST PATIENTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH AS THEY CAN CAUSE

- further illness
- disability
- death
- and contribute to the development of resistance to the real medicines

COUNTERFEIT (FALSIFIED) MEDICINES MAY CONTAIN:

- no active ingredients or the wrong dose
- wrong active ingredients
- dangerous substances

COUNTERFEIT (FALSIFIED) MEDICINES UNDERMINE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM



Sanctions

MEDICRIME

- makes counterfeiting (falsification) a criminal offence
- fosters the effective prosecution of crime
- fosters protection of victims and witnesses

MEDICRIME ALLOWS TO

- bring the criminal individuals and organizations to justice
- seize proceeds from the crime
- protect public health

CRIMINAL OFFENCES ARE

- the intentional manufacturing, supplying and trafficking of counterfeit (falsified) medical products
- the falsification of documents with the aim of deceiving
- the unauthorized manufacturing or supplying of medicines
- aiding and abetting the commission of these offences, and their attempted commission



Cooperation

GLOBAL PROBLEM

Counterfeiting (falsifying) is an international crime which transcends borders

GLOBAL SOLUTION

- Medicrime is the only treaty open to all world's countries
- Medicrime ensures national and international cooperation between the competent health, police and customs authorities
- Medicrime guarantees a global approach in information exchange, prevention, cooperation and repression

24 COUNTRIES

signed the Medicrime Convention of which 5 ratified it (status as of 25 September 2015)

Entry into force: 1st January 2016



Medicrime definition of a counterfeit (falsified) medical product:

A product with a **deliberately false representation** of its identity and/or source, for example on its labelling or packaging. This definition is consistent with the connotation of "**falsification**"

Fight counterfeit (falsified) medicines – Ratify the Medicrime Convention



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1. World Health Organization (WHO)
2. WHO; <http://www.who.int/medicines/services/counterfeit/impact/TheNewEstimatesCounterfeit.pdf>

3. Pharmaceutical Security Institute (PSI); <http://www.psi-inc.org/geographicDistributions.cfm>
4. WHO; <http://www.who.int/medicines/services/counterfeit/overview/en/index1.html>

5. Code de la santé publique - Article L5421-13
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