

IRACM NEWS



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1st INFORMATION BOOKLET ON FAKE DRUGS AVAILABLE



IRACM publishes a 16–page booklet, entertaining and easy to read. Its six chapters provide explanations on a subject about which we know very little: understanding more about counterfeit medicines, the situation worldwide, the situation in France, buying medicines on Internet, medicines and travel, and what to do if in doubt.

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FAKE MEDICINES QUARTERLY REVIEW – APRIL TO JUNE 2015

214 arrests, at least 1 death, 3 million counterfeit condoms, 11 pharmacies or stores closed down and 2,414 illegal e-commerce sites taken offline ... this is the alarming record

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For an international agreement for quality, affordable and available drugs

According to a recent article published by public health experts, an international agreement would be the best approach to fight against the increased activity in illegal drugs. [MORE](#)

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Died after having taken slimming pills purchased online

Aged in his early 20's, a man has died in May in Ireland following the ingestion of a



reached the 2nd quarter of 2015 for seizures, arrests and website closures worldwide. IRACM compiles the global news issued on fake and falsified / counterfeit medicines during the last three months. The quarterly review also presents the IRACM key initiatives.

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6-MONTH NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN TO ALERT THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE DANGERS OF FAKE MEDICINES



On July 1st, IRACM has launched a nationwide campaign in France **Le faux médicament, késako ?** to alert the general public to the dangers of fake medicines and advise patients about buying medicines online and what to do when travelling. French health professionals can ask for this booklet via **Cespharm** and **santépratique-pro.fr** websites.

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WORKSHOP ON ANTI-COUNTERFEIT AND PHARMACEUTICAL CRIME IN RWANDA



On 21 and 22 July 2015, Interpol has hosted a workshop on launching the anti-counterfeit and pharmaceutical crime unit of the Rwanda National Police in Kigali. IRACM has been invited to give expert advice and covered several topics such as key elements to control the entry of pharmaceuticals and customs investigations; the criminal network and modus operandi; and the fight against illicit pharmacy and the online sale of illicit medicines.

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product containing Dinitrophenol, an illicit and potentially lethal product.

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600,000 counterfeit condoms seized

Over 1 million fraudulent goods seized, including 600,000 counterfeit condoms and 500,000 counterfeit dietary supplements. [MORE](#)

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6 members of an expired drugs smuggling gang arrested

The Colombian police dismantled a network of smuggling fake drugs imported from Venezuela and Panama to be sold in Colombia. [MORE](#)

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Trafficking of counterfeit drugs uncovered in California

With several co-defendants, a man has conspired to obtain counterfeit copies of several erectile dysfunction drugs and sold them in California and Las Vegas areas. [MORE](#)

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