

APPENDIX 17

PRODUCT NAMES NOT PERMITTED TO BE REGISTERED

Note:

1. This list is not meant to be exhaustive and is subject to review from time to time
2. The Authority reserves the right to disallow any other words or phrases for product names, which in its opinion is misleading, improper or not factual.

No.	Non-Permissible Product Names	Examples
1.	20 disease names as stated in the Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act 1956 (Revised 1983)	Diabetes, Asthma, Cancer
2.	Prohibited use of a single active ingredient as a product name in products containing more than one active ingredient, except if the product name contains words such as 'Plus, Compound, Complex, Herbanika'	Tongkat Ali Capsule (if product contains tongkat ali, ginseng, etc.)
3.	Use of superlatives Names indicating superiority in efficacy	Power/ Kuasa, Superior, Pure, Mustajab, Safe, Healthy/ Sihat, Penawar/ Shifa, VIP, Good, Heal/ Sembuh, Premium, Mustajab, Men/ Women/ Children Complete, Men/ Women/ Children Enriched, Paradise/ Syurga, Menawan, Booster
4.	Use of word spelling that may cause confusion Words involving names of/part thereof: i) 20 disease names prohibited in the Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act 1956 (Revised 1983) ii) Diseases without scientific evidence of efficacy/ prescription medication to treat diseases/ parameters that indicate certain diseases (e.g. insulin, glucose) iii) Prohibited indication (e.g. to detoxify body)	a) Go Out = GOUT b) UTix = Urinary Tract Infection c) Diabecine = Diabetes d) Metformon = Metformin e) Insuprem = Insulin f) Glucosey = Glucose g) DetoxB = Detox body

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5.	Use of names that may cause ambiguity	B For Energy?
6.	Use of names that may be offensive or indecent	SENXBIG=SEnXBIG(label) Sexy, Enjoy, Paradise, Heavenly, Blue boy, Casanova, Desire (<i>Dezire</i>), <i>Sensual</i> (<i>Xenxual</i>), <i>Asmara</i> , <i>Syok</i>
7.	Use of product names incoherent with the approved indication The name contains only one product claim, but the product has more than one approved indication	Cough Syrup X= Approved indication for cough, dizziness, flu and itch
8.	Use of product names with elements of ludicrous belief Statements referring to ancient beliefs/ negative spirits/ supernatural power	Words such as miracle, magic, magical, miraculous, saintly, heavenly
9.	Use of product names similar to existing approved product names Product names similar to the spelling and pronunciation of words of existing product names	Tenormin vs Tenormine vs Tenormy Re-Liv vs Re-Lif
10.	Use of product names that may cause ambiguity in the nature of the product (drug/ food/ beverage) Product names similar to a food/ beverage product	Juice, Health drink, Beverage, Kooky
11.	Use of product names representing professional advice or opinion or the profession	Dr Sunny, Dr Noortier Rooibose Tea, Professor, Herbalist, Doctor
12.	Use of product names representing weight loss/ slimming properties/ names that can be associated with weight loss/ slim	Slim, Langsing, Trim, Trimnfit, <i>Sleen</i> , <i>Kurus</i> , <i>Susut perut</i> , <i>Xlim</i> , <i>Weight watcher</i>

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13.	Use of product names referring to any religious content	Maksum, Mahmudah, Arifbillah
14.	Use of product names referring to internal organs	Leever, Braineey, Kidnee, etc.
15.	Use of abbreviation as a product name, except if it carries no meaning	TB, UTI, HB, etc.
16.	Use of product names deemed to be unbecoming (e.g. traditional, non-professional) for pharmaceutical products	Cap Ikan Emas, Brand Ayam Jati, Tablet Kuat Badan
17.	Other prohibited product names	Minda, IQ, Smart, Genius, Ultra Mega, Detox