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NAFDAC seizes fake drugs in Ondo

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**The National Agency for Food and Drugs
Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has**





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seized cartons of adulterated and fake medicines in Akure, Ondo and Owo towns of Ondo State. According to Deputy Director, Ports Inspection Directorate, Mrs. Adetola Adekoya, the exercise was to determine the level of circulation of illicit drugs in the markets

even as she stated that the agency would not relent to rid Nigeria of illicit drugs.

Adekoya disclosed that the agency's special team has visited 27 states in the country including Ondo and revealed that a special fake drug detector, Truscan had been instrumental in detecting fake and adulterated drugs saying, "this is a new innovation in the war against fake drugs, and first in any African country". She said the machines have been deployed to all NAFDAC operations to help in detecting fake products through comparison of the pharmaceutical brand signatures of manufacturers with ones on the sample.

The NAFDAC boss however called on all accredited sales representatives in the country to purchase the machine so as to help them in detecting fake medicines in their stock while stressing the need for manufacturers to employ the use of SMS alert to determine counterfeiting as is already being done in some companies. Two brands of drugs, Septrin and Fulcin, banned by the agency in 2002 and 2004 respectively, were discovered to be on sale in the state while several other fake brands of Ampiclox and Chloraphenicol capsules, containing ordinary powders were seized by officials of the agency