

PHENYLBUTAZONE BANNED

In terms of a regulation issued by the Department of Health, under the Medicines and Related Substances Act (Act no. 101 of 1965) as amended, published in Government Gazette No. 37898 on 7 AUGUST 2014, Phenylbutazone now is a undesirable (banned) substance. From the Gazette:

Definitions:

- " the Act" means the Medicines and Related Substance Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965)
- " the Council" means the Medicines Control Council.

The Medicines Control Council, in terms of Section 23(1)(b) of the Act, is of the opinion that it is not in the public interest that the medicines containing Phenylbutazone, whether registered or not with the Council, be made available to the public, and has declared these medicines undesirable.

The Council further directs any person who has in his or her possession any quantity of medicines containing Phenylbutazone to return them to the manufacturer thereof or to the importer concerned.

In terms of the provision of Section 23(3) of the Act, no person shall sell any medicines that have been declared undesirable.