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To: ENTR PHARMACEUTICALS COUNTERFEIT
Subject: Contribution to fight against Counterfeit of Medicines

Dear Sirs,

I am a German citizen, and I have just been informed about this initiative by one of my old schoolmates who is nowadays practising as a medical doctor. During my last check up in his practice, he was prescribing me some medicines and we touched the point of counterfeits coming from outside of Europe. I was astonished to learn that even if i buy a medicine an original medicine with the original packing, I cannot be sure:

- that the API is produced at the location stated on the packing
- that the formulation of the finished dosage form is done by the company stated on the packing
- that the dosage (strengths) of the medicine is as per printing on the packing.

We touched that subject in our discussions by starting from an article in the newspaper about the current problem of impurities in a substance called "HEPARINE" and in that article it was even mentioned that people in the US have died by that bad quality pharmaceutical ingredients coming in this special case from China.

I have to say that im am deeply worrying about the possibility of uncontrolled counterfeits to enter into the European Union, especially as i am father of an 11 year old child who needs also some medicine from time to time.

I was given this e-mail address by my doctor and he told me to express my worries to you, as only if many people are using the instruments of a democracy, meaning the possibility to express freely a personal opinion, the people who can change things are forced to take care about the issues people are concerned about.

With best regards,

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