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REPUBLIC OF GHANA

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

The Ministry of Health has noted with concern the outbreak of LISTERIOSIS in South Africa. Listeriosis is food poisoning caused by eating foods contaminated with *Listeria Monocytogenes*. This affects some meat and dairy products, fruits and vegetables.

In view of the public health concern and to avoid a similar outbreak here in Ghana, the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) is monitoring the situation and has increased surveillance on meat, dairy products, fruits and vegetables from South Africa to ensure that they are not contaminated.

All officers at the various ports of entry have been tasked to be more vigilant and inspections have been intensified.

We are therefore assuring the Ghanaian public that there is no cause for alarm and we shall continue to monitor, investigate and assess the quality of plant and animal products coming from South Africa.

Sincerely yours,


HON. KWAKU AGYEMAN-MANU (MP)
MINISTER OF HEALTH