

TDF A mounts campaign against fake tinned baby milk

THE Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) in the Central Zone is looking for suppliers of fake and expired tinned baby milk which it found and confiscated from retail shops in an operation mounted here recently.

Over 40 cans of NAN 2 brand milk were confiscated after TFDA learned that their contents were poisonous.

TFDA Food Inspector, Ms Sifa Chamgenzi, said the operation was mounted about a week ago during which the cans were confiscated from shops.

Ms Chamgenzi noted that despite the fact that the milk had expired since last year, the expiry date had been tampered with to indicate that the milk would expire in 2015.

"We confiscated 41 cans of expired milk from various retail shops and after enqui-

ries we were told that the milk was obtained from suppliers," she said, adding that the milk was sold at 15,000/- per can.

Last week, an inspector with TFDA, Mr Frederick Luyangi, cautioned against unfamiliar cosmetics and industrial foods which had taken the local market by storm as they might have adverse health effects.

Mr Luyangi noted further that TFDA made efforts to confiscate and announce in the media uncertified cosmetics and foods they confiscated from shops, but hastened to add that the campaign needed public support.

"What is disappointing is that some people have been conspiring with sellers of these harmful cosmetics and foods by buying them through the back door," he said.

Mr Luyangi urged would-

be customers to consult experts before they purchased unfamiliar cosmetics or food-stuffs as to avoid putting their health at risk.

In another development, Mr Luyangi has called on the people to report when they suspect that something is wrong with medicine they have purchased.

He noted that regular users may suspect medical supplies through a change in smell or packaging.

"We recommend that when someone buys a drug and finds that it smells differently or there is a difference in its packaging they should report to TFDA in a bid to clear any doubt," he said.

He also urged dealers to collaborate with TFDA by seeking technical advice on new medicines or cosmetics they want to import.