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Philippines: falsified rabies vaccines and rabies immunoglobulin- update

World Health Organization issue a second alert about circulating falsified rabies vaccine and rabies immunoglobulin in the Philippines

- **This updates the news item of 9 July 2019**

In January 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a Medical Product Alert confirming the identification of falsified 'Verorab' rabies vaccine being used in Philippines [1].

On 17 July 2019, the WHO issued a new Medical Product Alert about three different falsified rabies vaccines (Verorab, Speeda and Rabipur) and one falsified rabies immunoglobulin product (Equirab) identified in the country [2]. There is no evidence that the product has been distributed outside of the Philippines.

Health care professionals with concerns about a patient who may have received falsified rabies vaccine in the Philippines can call the [Public Health England Rabies and Immunoglobulin Service \(RIGS\)](#) for further advice.

Resources

- [Public Health England: Rabies information leaflet for travellers](#)
- [Public Health England: Rabies risk assessment, post exposure treatment, management](#)
- [Rabies in brief](#)

References

1. [World Health Organization Medical Product Alert N° 1/2019 Falsified Rabies Vaccines circulating in the Philippines \[Accessed 18 July 2019\]](#)
2. [World Health Organization. Medical Product Alert No 8/2019. Falsified Rabies Vaccine and Anti-Rabies Serum circulating in the Philippines \[Accessed 18 July 2019\]](#)