



# DRUG REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN

## Division of Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing

### RAPID ALERT

DRAP ALERT No: N° I/S/02-26-04

#### Unregistered Antiseptic Product “Zetol (Chloroxylenol) Germ Protection Liquid”

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Target Audience:**

- Regulatory Field Force of DRAP and Provincial Drug Control departments.
- Healthcare Professionals (Gynecologists, Obstetricians, Pharmacists, Drug Distributors, Hospitals, Clinics,)
- Consumers (General Public)

**Problem Statement:**

Following product is being marketed and sold in Pakistan **without prior registration/enlistment** with the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP)

Product Name	Manufacturer	Label Claim
<b>Zetol</b> Contains: Chloroxylenol Pack Size: 100 ml, 1 Liter <i>Germ Protection Liquid / Antiseptic Liquid</i>	UNCUS BROTHERS Address: 23 KM Multan Road, Lahore	Effective Protection against Germs that cause Infection”





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### Risk Statement:

Use of the unregistered antiseptic product “**Zetol (Chloroxylenol) Germ Protection Liquid**” may pose a potential risk to public health, as it has not been evaluated or approved by DRAP for its **quality, safety, and efficacy**.

The product contains an active antiseptic substance (**Chloroxylenol**) and is being marketed with infection-prevention claims without regulatory authorization.

Furthermore, its presentation closely resembles an already registered antiseptic brand (**Dettol**), which may mislead consumers and increase the risk of inappropriate use of an unregulated product.

Therefore, continued distribution and use of this product may result in:

- exposure to substandard or contaminated formulations
- misleading therapeutic claims
- consumer deception and confusion
- potential adverse skin reactions or ineffective infection control.

### Action Initiated: -

- Provincial Drug Control Authorities and DRAP Field Forces have been directed to **initiate immediate enforcement action**, including market surveillance, seizure, and recall of the affected batch.
- Further regulatory action is being taken in accordance with applicable laws.

### Advice for Healthcare Professionals: -

Healthcare professionals, pharmacists, and healthcare institutions are advised to:

- Not recommend, prescribe, dispense, or use the unregistered antiseptic product “**Zetol (Chloroxylenol) Germ Protection Liquid**” in any clinical or household setting.
- Ensure that only DRAP registered/enlisted antiseptic and disinfectant products are procured and supplied to patients and the general public.
- Be vigilant for any adverse skin reactions, irritation, or lack of expected antiseptic effect associated with the use of this product and report such events through the Pharmacovigilance/Vigilance system.





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Any adverse events or quality problems experienced with the use of these products should be reported to National or Provincial pharmacovigilance centers using [Adverse Event Reporting Form](#) or online through this [link](#). Further information on reporting problems to DRAP is available on this [link](#).

### Advice for Consumers:

Consumers are advised to:

- **Stop using** the unregistered antiseptic product “**Zetol (Chloroxylenol) Germ Protection Liquid**” immediately.
- Do not purchase or rely on this product for infection prevention, as it has **not been evaluated or approved by DRAP** for quality, safety, or effectiveness.
- Be cautious of products that closely resemble well-known registered brands (such as **Dettol**), as such resemblance may be misleading.
- If you have experienced any **skin irritation, allergic reaction, or other adverse effects** after using this product, consult a healthcare professional and report the event to the relevant health authorities.
- Purchase antiseptic and disinfectant products only from reputable sources and ensure they are **registered/enlisted with DRAP**.



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