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STATEMENT: "DEFECTIVE CONDOMS"- KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOCKED

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has received with shock and disappointment the news that a certain batch of condoms did not go through the necessary South African Baurea of Standards (SABS) quality process as expected.

The Department would not like to be involved in the internal matters of the SABS; however we would have appreciated if the Baurea had indicated to the Department the specific quality standard measure that this batch did not meet. We feel that the generalization that has surrounded this matter may have far reaching consequences in the fight against HIV and AIDS in our country, and Province in particular.

As a Department, we wish to assure the people of KwaZulu-Natal that we are taking every step humanly possible to recall the specific batch and to further investigate the "alleged" defectiveness by getting the specifics from the SABS.

Once again, we wish to assure our people that, in our view the condoms have not been subjected to a test so that a conclusion of their "defectiveness" can be made. The batch that is of concern is being recalled through our District and Sub-district structures. The people will be informed in due course of the final situation.

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