Cancer drugs masquerading as antibiotics, a residential house masquerading as a Lilly manufacturing plant, and who tried to buy 6 million doses of tirzepatide?

OUR RESEARCH PROCESS

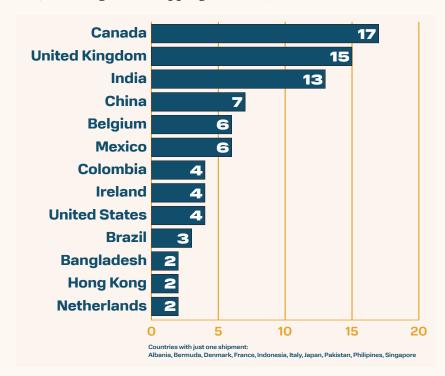
PSM applauds the FDA inspectors for the valuable work they do to protect Americans. But criminals adapt, and we studied the freight data from April/May 2025 to see where they had snuck shipments of dangerous GLP-1s and other lifesaving medicines through the border.

WHAT WE FOUND

1 How many shipments that were manufactured in facilities unknown to the FDA were refused, and how many got through?



2 In which countries were these unsafe products manufactured (according to the shipping manifest)?





WHO ORDERED 6MM DOSES OF TIRZEPATIDE?

One shipment flagged (and stopped by FDA) in our review was 15 kg of tirzepatide imported from China. For context, a starting dose of tirzepatide is just 2.5 mg, which means this single shipment represents 6 million starting doses.

The product came from Xiamen Yuanjinchen Trading Co., Ltd, which lists a supermarket address in Xiamen, China. Online searches yield the company's listing on Made-in-China.com, a marketplace cited in

a letter from the Connecticut Attorney General warning health care providers that advertising or prescribing compounded GLP-1 drugs may violate the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act due to potentially deceptive or unfair business practices. SHIPMENT: N30-0040640-4/13/1



A SUSPICIOUS PROVIDER OF 'COMPLETE INJECTABLE SOLUTIONS'

Tirzepatide from a Brazilian clinic that touts itself as a provider injectable GLP-1 medications online and, somewhat incongruously, features Brazilian footballer Neymar Jr. in its promotional materials. SHIPMENT: AEK-8517751-5/12/1



WHERE'S THE LILLY PLANT IN THIS PHOTO?

Four separate international shipment of Lilly products were supposedly made here. The address matches a small IT consultantcy. SHIPMENTS: AEK-8292492-7/11/1, AEK-8416263-3/11/1, SCS-0284681-9/12/1, AEK-8401628-4/11/1



MOUNJARO WITH A ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

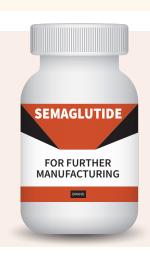
A single vial of Mounjaro (tirzepatide) is exported from a Costco location, a discount warehouse retailer known for bulk toilet paper and rotisserie chickens, not specialty drug distribution.

SHIPMENT: AEK-8502767-8/11/1

MANUFACTURING/COMPOUNDING WITH SEMAGLUTIDE MADE IN UNINSPECTED PLANTS?

Several semaglutide shipments in our dataset were labeled "for further manufacturing," a designation often used to signal that the product is an active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) intended for additional processing before it reaches patients.

This label may signal that the product is being imported for compounding. Compounded semaglutide from non-FDA-registered facilities would result in an illegal medical product. SHIPMENTS: 336-1524271-2/12/1, 336-1524297-7/12/1, 336-1960146-7/12/1, 336-1960501-3/12/1, 336-4112099-9/12/1, 231-9871516-6/13/1, 231-9872189-1/43/1, BYA-2501606-4/12/1





ONCOLOGY DRUGS FRAUD-CODED AS ANTIBIOTICS

We found multiple shipments of chemotherapy drugs mislabeled as antibiotics. This is a form of product code fraud. Importers are misclassifying a drug as an innocuous one to avoid stricter scrutiny.

We found:

△ Azacitidine, a chemotherapy drug for blood cancers. This appeared in three separate shipments, all coded in the Imports Database as antibiotics, under an animal drug classification, and

△ Temsirolimus, a kidney cancer drug that was also misclassified as an antibiotic.

SHIPMENTS: 799-7380676-4/12/1, 799-7374209-2/12/1, 799-7414073-4/12/1, 231-4144827-1/11/1

To see more information about the problem of fishy medical freight shipments, see our homepage for this project at https://www.safemedicines.org/2025/05/pharma-borders.html.