



CORPORATE SERVICES AND PLANNING SECRETARIAT

It has been reported that there is a man going around the town of Port Vila selling Doxycycline 100mg tablets at a huge price and claiming that it can cure and treat all kinds of diseases and illnesses.

Please be mindful that **Doxycycline** is an **antibiotic** under **Schedule 3 (S3)** of Sales of Medicines Regulations. And according to this regulation, under section 2 , part 3 it clearly states :

- (3) The medicines listed in Schedules 2 and 3 must not be sold by any person other than the following persons:
- (a) a pharmacist;
 - (b) a druggist;
 - (c) a medical practitioner;
 - (d) a veterinary surgeon; and
 - (e) a dental practitioner.

Doxycycline is also a **prescription only**, drug. As clearly stated in part 4 of section 2: which reads;

- (4) A pharmacist or a druggist may sell any medicine listed under **Schedule 3** only upon the prescription of:
- (a) a medical practitioner; or
 - (b) a dental practitioner.

So the call is:

For all pharmacists, and/or all other health professionals : **PLEASE DO NOT SELL** doxycycline **to anyone**; and

For everyone : **PLEASE DO NOT get doxycycline without a prescription**, as this is **ILLEGAL**. Please kindly pass this message on.

