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The National Department of Health (NDoH) and the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) reassure South Africa that condoms, which are branded as & ' condoms, are safe to use. This follows reports of condoms that were being re-used and re-sold in Vietnam.

Condoms cannot and should not be shared, reused or re-used. South Africa has made great strides in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and we will not compromise the health of our nation. We remain vigilant and committed to ensuring that quality health products and services are available to everyone. In South Africa, the National Department of Health (NDoH) distributes a billion free condoms annually. Each batch of these condoms, which are branded as & ', is subject to stringent manufacturing & packaging requirements and testing is conducted against a South African National Standard. South African & ' condoms are of the highest quality and South Africans are encouraged to use these and to dispose of them responsibly. The Director General of Health Dr Sandile Mtshali.

Each pack of & ' condoms contains individually foiled packaged condoms, in lubricant. The packaging itself stipulates the batch and lot number, the expiration date and the manufacturer's quality mark. South Africans should not use expired condoms, or packages that seem to be damaged or leaking. Each condom can only be used once and should be

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