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The National Department of Health (NDoH) and the South fri!an "ureau of Standards (S "S) reassure South fri!a that #o\$ernment issued !ondoms, %hi!h are branded as & '!ondoms, are safe to use(This follo%s reports of !ondoms that %ere bein# re!)!led and re*sold in +ietnam(

, - ondoms !annot and should not be shared, reused or re!)!led(South fri!a has made #reat strides in redu!in# the spread of H.+& .DS and other se/uall) transmitted diseases, and %e %ill not !ompromise the health of our nation(0 e remain \$i#ilant and !ommitted to ensurin# that 1ualit) health produ!ts and ser\$i!es are a\$ailable to e\$er) !ommunit)(.n South fri!a, the National Department of Health (NDoH) distributes a billion free !ondoms annuall)(E\$er) bat!h of these !ondoms, %hi!h are branded as & ', is sub2e!t to strin#ent manufa!turin# & pa!3in# re1uirements and testin# is !ondu!ted a#ainst a South fri!an National Standard(South fri!an & ' !ondoms are of the hi#hest 1ualit) and South fri!ans are en!oura#ed to use these and to dispose of them responsibl),4 sa)s Dire!tor 5 eneral of Health Dr Sandile "uthele6i(

Ea!h pa!3 of & '!ondoms!ontains indi\$iduall) foiled pa!3ed!ondoms, in lubri!ant(The pa!3a#in#!learl) stipulates the bat!h and lot number, the e/piration date and the 7 'lualit) &ar3(South fri!ans should not use e/pired!ondoms, or pa!3a#es that seem to be dama#ed or lea3in#(Ea!h !ondom!an onl) be used on!e and should be

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.f a sample fails an) of the tests the %hole bat!h %ill be destro)ed, thus ensurin# that no defe!ti\$e produ!ts %ill enter the South fri!an mar3et(

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