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## **DRUG ALERT**

### **CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION**

#### **Caution in Use**

#### **Distribute to Pharmacy, Retail and Wholesaler Level**

Dear Healthcare Professional

#### **GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUMER HEALTHCARE (UK) TRADING LIMITED**

##### **Beechams All In One Tablets (GSL)**

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient(s): paracetamol, guaifenesin, phenylephrine hydrochloride

**PL 44673/0007**

| <b>Batch Number</b> | <b>Expiry Date</b> | <b>Pack Size</b> | <b>First Distributed</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 7H3L                | 31/10/2022         | 16               | 30/01/2020               |
| 7H3P                | 31/10/2022         | 16               | 30/01/2020               |

##### **Piriteze Allergy Tablets (GSL)**

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: chlorphenamine

**PL 44673/0097**

| <b>Batch Number</b> | <b>Expiry Date</b> | <b>Pack Size</b> | <b>First Distributed</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 9P9X                | 31/10/2022         | 7                | 11/02/2020               |
| 848E                | 30/09/2022         | 30               | 30/01/2020               |
| 848F                | 31/10/2022         | 30               | 30/01/2020               |
| C89U                | 31/12/2022         | 30               | 17/02/2020               |
| C92J                | 31/12/2022         | 30               | 21/02/2020               |
| CF8J                | 30/11/2022         | 7                | 18/02/2020               |
| DD6Y                | 31/12/2022         | 14               | 21/02/2020               |
| EM9F                | 31/12/2022         | 14               | 21/02/2020               |
| EM9H                | 31/12/2022         | 14               | 21/02/2020               |
| TT6W                | 31/07/2022         | 7                | 5/12/2019                |
| V39W                | 30/09/2022         | 7                | 4/12/2019                |
| VK4A                | 30/09/2022         | 30               | 5/12/2019                |

**Piriton Allergy Tablets (P)**

PL 44673/0093

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: chlorphenamine

| Batch Number | Expiry Date | Pack Size | First Distributed |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| SC9X         | 30/09/2022  | 60        | 02/01/2020        |
| SD2E         | 30/09/2022  | 60        | 02/01/2020        |
| SD2F         | 30/09/2022  | 60        | 02/01/2020        |
| VK4C         | 30/09/2022  | 30        | 02/01/2020        |
| VK4D         | 30/09/2022  | 30        | 02/01/2020        |

**Day Nurse Capsules (P)**

PL 44673/0069

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient(s): paracetamol, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, pholcodine

| Batch Number | Expiry Date | Pack Size | First Distributed |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| XL3H         | 31/10/2022  | 20        | 5/12/2019         |
| XL3J         | 31/10/2022  | 20        | 5/12/2019         |
| XR2H         | 31/10/2022  | 20        | 5/12/2019         |

**Night Nurse Capsules (P)**

PL 44673/0071

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient(s): paracetamol, dextromethorphan hydrobromide, promethazine hydrochloride

| Batch Number | Expiry Date | Pack Size | First Distributed |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| XU2N         | 30/09/2022  | 10        | 6/12/2019         |
| XU2S         | 30/09/2022  | 10        | 6/12/2019         |
| XU2T         | 31/10/2022  | 10        | 9/12/2019         |
| YR2B         | 30/09/2022  | 10        | 6/12/2019         |

**Brief description of the problem**

GSK has informed us that due to a machinery defect with the printing line, a small number of packs from the affected batches above may not have the batch number and expiry date printed on the outer cartons. The correct information is printed on the blister pack and there is no concern with the product quality. These packs are not being recalled and this notice is for information.

Image of outer carton with missing information:

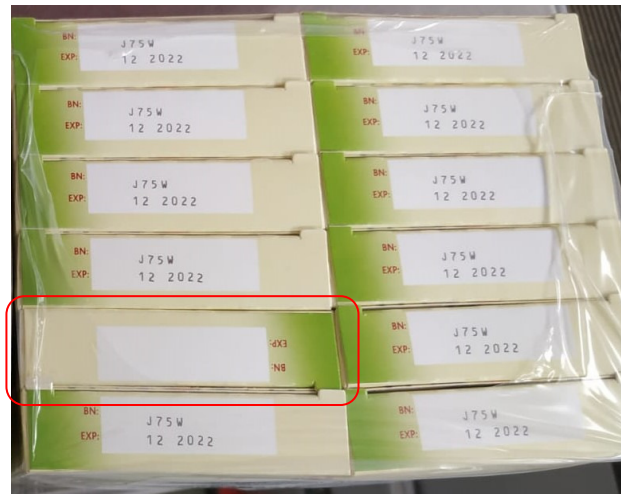


Image of blister pack where batch number and expiry date can be found:



### **Advice for healthcare professionals, retailers and wholesalers**

If it is noticed that the pack(s) have missing information on the batch number and expiry date on the outer carton, do not supply and return to the company.

If member(s) of the public have queries about pack(s) that have missing information on the batch number and expiry date, please check that the product(s) are from the batch(es) listed above. If the affected pack(s) are from batch(es) listed above, please inform the patient or consumer that this defect has been confirmed by the company, and that the information can still be found on the blisters inside the box (see image above). If the affected pack(s) are not from batch(es) listed above, please quarantine the product(s) and contact the company for further information.

As a general reminder, patients who experience side effects from taking any medicines should be encouraged to report a suspected problem or incident via the Yellow Card scheme ([www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)) and seek medical advice accordingly.

**Further Information**

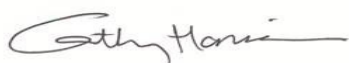
For more information or medical information queries, please contact GSK Customer Relations at 0800 783 8881 or email [customer.relations@gsk.com](mailto:customer.relations@gsk.com)

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter.

RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Harrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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