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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 48 Hours

Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level

Dear Healthcare Professional

Sanofi

Epilim 500mg Gastro-Resistant Tablets

PL 04425/0303

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
R0601	08/2022	30	06 November 2019
R0602	08/2022	30	05 November 2019
R0603	08/2022	30	06 November 2019

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: sodium valproate

Brief description of the problem

Sanofi is recalling the above batches of product as a precautionary measure due to out of specification results for disintegration test during routine stability testing.

Advice for healthcare professionals

Stop supplying the above batches immediately. Quarantine all stock and return it to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

Further Information

For stock control enquiries please contact GB-CustomerServices@sanofi.com

Phone number: 0800 854 430

For medical information enquiries please contact uk-medicalinformation@sanofi.com

Phone number: 0800 035 25 25

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', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Cathy Harrison
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer