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Attachment 7

**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE
FSCA3193**

ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) Foam packaging

Dear

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included Table 1 and Table 2.

Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

- ⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) FOAM packaging starting after 12 months of shelf-life

Impact:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

Required actions:

Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction):

- Identify impacted lots of **ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518)** (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.



- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502550, 502558, 502510, 502518) that is *B.fragilis* ATCC 25285 (Expected range-MIC: 8-32 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.
- If replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard **ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518)**, lots listed in Table 1.

Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in **Table 2**. These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements defined within Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
 - Please note, **ETEST® PG256 (Ref. 412262, 412263) SPB packaging** performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A for the attention of Customer Service Department to fax number 0044 (0) 1256 816863 to confirm receipt of this notice.

bioMérieux is committed to providing our customers with the highest quality product possible. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you require additional assistance or have any questions, please contact our Technical Service Department on 0044 (0) 1256 461881.

Yours Sincerely

Customer Service Department



Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

REF	Lot#	Product Name	Current Shelf life	Corrected Shelf life	Corrected Expiration Date
502518	1002911350	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	28-Jan-2015
502518	1002964350	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	20-Feb-2015
502518	1003012790	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	13-Mar-2015
502518	1004047370	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	31-May-2016
502518	1004140000	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	6-Jul-2016
502518	1004244180	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	20-Aug-2016
502518	1004420440	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	1-Nov-2016
502558	1003036730	PG256 (F) US	36	12	24-Mar-2015
502558	1003142000	PG256 (F) US	36	12	13-May-2015
502558	1003191650	PG256 (F) US	36	12	5-Jun-2015
502558	1003408580	PG256 (F) US	36	12	4-Sep-2015
502558	1004047410	PG256 (F) US	36	12	31-May-2016
502558	1004139950	PG256 (F) US	36	12	6-Jul-2016
502558	1004242300	PG256 (F) US	36	12	20-Aug-2016

Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life

REF	Lot#	Product Name	Current Shelf life	Corrected Shelf life	Corrected Expiration Date
502518	1004539950	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	20-Dec-2016
502518	1004783760	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	7-Apr-2017
502518	1004872350	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	16-May-2017
502518	1004896600	PG256 (F) WW	36	12	26-May-2017
502558	1004539350	PG256 (F) US	36	12	20-Dec-2016
502558	1004783810	PG256 (F) US	36	12	7-Apr-2017
502558	1004872380	PG256 (F) US	36	12	16-May-2017
502558	1004910650	PG256 (F) US	36	12	1-Jun-2017
502558	1004985540	PG256 (F) US	36	12	30-Jun-2017





Attachment A: Acknowledgement Form – FSCA 3193

In order to comply with Competent Authority Regulations it is important that you complete and return this acknowledgement form

Please return for the attention of Customer Service Department to fax number 0044 (0) 1256 816863

I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) product issue?

I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?

Yes or No

Name:

Date:

Signature:

