

3rd April 2014

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

**Oxoid Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) Discs**

**CT0774B, CT1548S, CT1885S, CT1914S CT1918S, CT1945S Meropenem MEM 10**

Customers are to be advised of the following:

Change in Oxoid Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) Discs Storage Period

Please be aware that we have made some changes to the Meropenem 10µg (AST) Disc labeling to ensure more effective use.

We have changed the stipulated usage, once opened, from **7 days to 3 days**. All new batches of MEM10 will be labeled with the new 'in use' instructions.

Recent routine internal testing highlighted that the concentration of Meropenem may fall below the internal limit of 90% of the specified concentration towards the end of the 7 day 'in use' period. Test data indicates that the concentration drop does not impact on the standard performance of the discs (with regard to zone size) and therefore, results arising from previously released batches are unlikely to be affected.

For existing batches we recommend that you use the product for no longer than 3 days after opening.

This notice should be passed on to all who need to be aware within your organization

If you experience any problems complying with this notice or you require any further information, please contact our Technical Support Department on +44 (0)1256 694238, or at [oxid.techsupport@thermofisher.com](mailto:oxid.techsupport@thermofisher.com)

Yours faithfully,



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