# **Summary of Product Characteristics**

## **1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Nexium 40 mg gastro-resistant tablets

# **2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

Each gastro-resistant tablet contains 40 mg esomeprazole (as magnesium trihydrate)

Excipient(s) with known effect:

Each gastro-resistant tablet contains sucrose.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

# **3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Gastro-resistant tablet

Product imported from Greece

Pink, oblong, biconvex tablets with '40mg' on one side and  $\frac{A}{H}$  on the other.

#### **4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

As per PA2242/013/003

## **5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

As per PA2242/013/003

# **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

# 6.1 List of excipients

Glycerol Monostearate 40-55

Hyprolose

Hypromellose

Iron oxide (reddish-brown) (E 172)

Magnesium stearate

Methacrylic acid ethyl acrylate copolymer (1:1) dispersion 30 per cent

Cellulose microcrystalline

Synthetic paraffin

Macrogols

Polysorbate 80

Crospovidone

Sodium stearyl fumarate

Sugar spheres (sucrose and maize starch)

Talc

Titanium dioxide (E 171)

Triethyl citrate

# 6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

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#### 6.3 Shelf life

The shelf life expiry date for this product shall be the date shown on the packaging of the product on the market in the country of origin.

## 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30 °C.

Store in the original package (blister) in order to protect from moisture.

## 6.5 Nature and contents of container

Blister or wallet packs of 28 or 30 Tablets in an over labelled outer carton. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

## 6.6 Special precautions for disposal

No special requirements for disposal.

# Administration through gastric tube:

- 1. Put the tablet into an appropriate syringe and fill the syringe with approximately 25 mL water and approximately 5 mL air. For some tubes, dispersion in 50 mL water is needed to prevent the pellets from clogging the tube.
- 2. Immediately shake the syringe for approximately 2 minutes to disperse the tablet.
- 3. Hold the syringe with the tip up and check that the tip has not clogged.
- 4. Attach the syringe to the tube whilst maintaining the above position.
- 5. Shake the syringe and position it with the tip pointing down. Immediately inject 5-10 mL into the tube. Invert the syringe after injection and shake (the syringe must be held with the tip pointing up to avoid clogging of the tip).
- 6. Turn the syringe with the tip down and immediately inject another 5-10 mL into the tube. Repeat this procedure until the syringe is empty.
- 7. Fill the syringe with 25 mL of water and 5 mL of air and repeat step 5 if necessary to wash down any sediment left in the syringe. For some tubes, 50 mL water is needed.

## 7 PARALLEL PRODUCT AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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## **8 PARALLEL PRODUCT AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

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#### 9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010

# 10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

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