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Blister strip packaging

I think the changes recommended are very good.

My concern is that “race-track” packaging will be overused especially for medication that does not necessarily have to be taken on specific days and this type of packaging will allow manufacturers to have a way of not complying with the requirements of having the brand name of the medicine, the active ingredient and amount of active ingredient, batch number and expiry date repeated at least once every two units e.g. Atacand. This type of labelling is batch specific and will be more expensive than a standard label, so I think manufacturers will have an incentive to find a way to circumvent it use.

I think that “race-track” packaging should not be exempted from the general requirements unless the packaging is such that the strip or device cannot be separated e.g. Kliogest wheel

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