

26th November 2012

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Re: DBL Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 10mg/1mL

We write further to our letter dated 20th November 2012, concerning the above product.

The reason for the supply shortage of DBL Morphine Sulfate Injection 10mg/1mL is due to delay in delivery of stocks by our European supplier, consequent to an upgrade in their packaging facility. This development was unexpected and beyond Hospira's direct control.

Although our previous communication mentions that this will be an issue from the end of 2012, supply of DBL Morphine Sulfate Injection 10mg/1mL will be constrained until further deliveries expected to arrive throughout the month of December are received. As communicated, Hospira are working with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to source an alternative product to overcome the impending out of stock situation.

We are pleased to inform that the TGA have now approved the importation of the alternative product of Morphine Sulfate 10mg/1mL Injections under Section 19a, that would help address any supply shortage and will be available in January 2013. The exact details on the alternative product will be communicated closer to the time of supply. However, this product contains a preservative and therefore cannot be used for epidural or intrathecal administration. In view of this, Hospira requests hospitals to continue to reserve stock of DBL Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 10mg/1mL, for indications requiring epidural or intrathecal administration.

The issue pertaining to delay in the delivery of DBL Morphine Sulfate 10mg/1mL has impacted stock availability of other strengths of DBL Morphine Sulfate. As such, we have placed stocks of all strengths of DBL Morphine Sulfate Injections on reserve to ensure fair and equitable distribution to all customers.

IMPORTANT: Stock is still currently available to order through most Wholesalers and Distributors

Please find below the expected delivery dates of stock into Australia of the various presentations. Once received, Hospira will allocate and expedite shipments to Wholesalers and Distributors to minimize customer impact.

Code	Product	Status	Next Delivery Due
618190BAU	DBL MORPHINE SULF 5MG/1mLA	RESERVED	Week ending – 4 th Jan 2013
618191BAU	DBL MORPHINE SULF 10MG/1mL	RESERVED	Week ending – 14 th Dec 2012
618193BAU	DBL MORPHINE SULF INJ 15MG/1mLA	RESERVED	Week ending – 7 th Dec 2012
618195BAU	DBL MORPHINE SULF INJ 30MG/1mLA	RESERVED	Week ending – 4 th Jan 2013

Should you require any further information pertaining to this matter, please feel free to contact Customer Service on 1300 046 774

Yours sincerely,

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