

Brexit Preparations

We are committed to acting responsibly in the interests of patients, and our preparations for the end of the transition period have been no different. Since the outcome of the EU referendum we have been working to ensure continuity of supply for patients under all scenarios, including a scenario in which there is no trade deal reached by the end of the transition period (31st December 2020). This has included establishing a Brexit project team dedicated to managing the necessary workload needed to fulfil the requirements and criteria laid out by UK and EU regulators.

To mitigate any disruption associated with the end of the transition period, we have sought to prepare adequate stock build for all affected medicines and products across all impacted markets. Furthermore, we have re-configured our distribution routes so that our commercial supply channels now avoid the Dover to Calais short strait for both UK/EU inbound and outbound shipments. Throughout this planning process we have followed and applied the recommendations contained within the preparedness notices published by the UK Government and the European Commission. This has involved regular dialogue with the relevant national regulatory bodies and agencies.

We are confident that our contingency plans across our business have been implemented effectively and will help to ensure that we do not experience any disruption to continuity of supply for all medicines and vaccines, and an uninterrupted conduct of clinical trials, as a consequence of the end of the transition period.

Like all pharmaceutical companies, MSD does have supply constraints on products from time to time. These are entirely unrelated to the end of the transition period and we have a standard procedure to ensure all healthcare professionals and regulators are aware of any potential supply issues as early as possible. We would encourage healthcare professionals to review our medicines supply page on the external MSD website for regular updates on the supply of all MSD medicines. For more information about the supply of MSD products, please contact customer services on: 01992 452094