

We are committed to acting responsibly in the interests of patients. Ensuring continuity of supply of medicines and vaccines for patients is MSD's highest priority and we therefore took all necessary steps to seek to ensure the supply of our products was not negatively impacted once the UK left the EU. Since the outcome of the EU referendum, we have worked to meet the new regulations and to ensure readiness for the end of the transition period (31st December 2020). This 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 sought to prepare adequate stock build for all affected medicines and products across all impacted markets. Furthermore, we re-configured our distribution routes so that our commercial supply channels avoided the Dover to Calais short straits for both UK/EU inbound and outbound shipments. Throughout this planning process we followed and applied the recommendations published by the UK Government and the European Commission.

Our contingency plans across our business have been implemented effectively and helped to ensure that we have not experienced any disruption to continuity of supply for all medicines and vaccines, and have maintained conduct of clinical trials, as a result of the end of the transition period. We will continue to operate a hypercare period of close monitoring of our supply routes, to ensure our products continue to reach patients across the globe.

Like all pharmaceutical companies, MSD does have supply constraints on products from time to time. These are entirely unrelated to the UK leaving the EU 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.