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IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Chief Pharmacists NHS Boards
3. Hospital Pharmacy Managers
4. Medical Directors NHS Boards
5. Chief Executives NHS Boards



9 November 2015

Dear Healthcare Professional,

DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 no 10 2015 – Caution in use

Please see the attached drug alert for onward transmission as below.
Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Community Pharmacists
- Hospital Pharmacists
- Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists

Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- General Practitioners
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Directors of Public Health
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Board

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use
Distribute to Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level

Date: 09 November 2015

EL (15)A/10

Our Ref: MDR 76-10/15

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Laboratoire SERB

Primidone SERB 50mg tablets

PL 26080/0002

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	Livery	First Distributed
530689	Nov 2019	1 x 100	Laboratoire SERB	06 Oct 2015
531203	Jul 2020	1 x100	Laboratoire SERB	n/a
531299	Aug 2020	1 x 100	Laboratoire SERB	n/a

Actavis UK Ltd, distributor of the above product, has notified us of an error on the carton. The EAN barcode is incorrect – when scanned, it identifies the product as Primidone SERB 250mg tablets, not 50mg tablets as it should. The strength of the tablets is stated correctly in all positions on the carton where it is readable. There is no risk to product quality or patient safety resulting from this error.

In order to avoid product shortages which could impact on current advice not to switch between different manufacturers for this product, batch 530689 is not being recalled. Two further batches, 531203 and 531299 will also need to be distributed in order to keep the market supplied whilst the error is corrected.

For stock control queries please contact Actavis Customer Services Team on 0800 373573.

For any medical information enquires please contact Medical Information Department on the e-mail address: Enquiries@medinformation.co.uk

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. Local area teams are asked to forward this to relevant clinics, general practitioners and community pharmacists for information.

Yours faithfully

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