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**IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:**

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Medical Directors NHS Boards

27 November 2017

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**DRUG ALERT CLASS 2 no 12 2017 – MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS**

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
- Primary Care 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 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 48 Hours  
Wholesaler and Pharmacy Level Recall

Date: 27 November 2017

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Our Ref: MDR 96-11/17

Dear Healthcare Professional,

#### **Pfizer Ireland Pharmaceuticals**

**Lipitor (Atorvastatin) 80mg film-coated tablets**

**PL 39933/0004**

**Atorvastatin 80mg film-coated tablets, Almus livery**

**PL 39933/0012**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
T43157 (Almus)	31 Jan 2020	1 x 28	10 Sep 2017
T43166 (Lipitor)	31 Jan 2020	1 x 28	05 Sep 2017
T43170 (Lipitor)	31 Jan 2020	1 x 28	30 Aug 2017

Pfizer is recalling the above batches as a precaution due to an out of specification result for microbiological testing during routine stability studies on a batch of the product which was not released to the market. The above batches were identified as being potentially affected by the same issue during the root cause investigation, although no out of specification microbiological results have been reported for these batches.

Remaining stock of these batches should be quarantined and returned to the original supplier for credit.

For stock enquiries, please contact your local branch of Alliance Healthcare

For Medical information enquiries, please contact Pfizer Medical Information on 01304 616161

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. NHS regional teams are asked to forward this to relevant clinics, community pharmacists and dispensing GPs for action; and to General Practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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