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#### **IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:**

- 1. Directors of Pharmacy
- 2. Medical Directors NHS Boards

14 October 2020

Dear Healthcare Professional,

# CLASS 2 DRUG ALERT NO 48 2020 - CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL - SANOFI - EPILIM 500MG GASTRO-RESISTANT TABLETS

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 arrange to forward this alert on 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

IRENE FAZAKERLEY Medicines Policy Team











# DRUG ALERT

## **CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

# Action Within 48 Hours Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level

Date: 14 October 2020 EL (20)A/48\* Our Ref: MDR 159-08/20

Dear Healthcare Professional,

#### Sanofi

### **Epilim 500mg Gastro-Resistant Tablets**

PL 04425/0303

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
R0601	08/2022	30	06 November 2019
R0602	08/2022	30	05 November 2019
R0603	08/2022	30	06 November 2019

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient: sodium valproate

#### Brief description of the problem

Sanofi is recalling the above batches of product as a precautionary measure due to out of specification results for disintegration test during routine stability testing.

### Advice for healthcare professionals

Stop supplying the above batches immediately. Quarantine all stock and return it to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

### **Further Information**

For stock control enquiries please contact GB-CustomerServices@sanofi.com

Phone number: 0800 854 430

For medical information enquiries please contact <a href="mailto:uk-medicalinformation@sanofi.com">uk-medicalinformation@sanofi.com</a>

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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 community pharmacists and dispensing general practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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