



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 89 s.2003

**SUBJECT: Guidelines to Fast-Track Procurement of Specific Essential Drugs and Medicines by the DOH**

In addition to the provision. under Administrative Order No. 34-A 3.2003, No. VI - Specific Guidelines, C-Procurement # 10 p.8, the following provision is hereby formulated:

"No items shall be received which expiration dates is less than 18 months from the date of delivery. Any item which expiration is less than that prescribed hereon shall be immediately invoiced back to the supplier for immediate replacement."

HOWEVER, ONLY VACCINES AND OTHER SIMILAR SPECIALTY PRODUCTS WITH BFAD APPROVED CLAIMED SHELF-LIFE OF 18 MONTHS AND BELOW ARE EXEMPT FROM THE SAID PROVISION.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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