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Guidance

Medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK

Sets out medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK because they are needed for UK patients.

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List of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK

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Details

This document lists the medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK. The list is updated regularly.

The government has produced guidance on parallel export and hoarding of restricted medicines

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/parallel-export-and-hoarding-of-restricted-medicines>).

It has also written a letter to holders of a wholesale dealer license

(<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d95b627ed915d08f0f326a8/letter-to-wda-holders.pdf>) about the restrictions on parallel exports.

Parallel export of a medicine on the list is considered a breach of regulation 43(2) of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 and a contravention of the wholesale dealer licence and may lead to regulatory action by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which could include immediate suspension of

the wholesale dealer licence.

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1. 13 March 2020

Hydroxychloroquine has been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK. The date of restriction is 00:00am at the start of 14 March 2020.

2. 25 February 2020

Three medicines have been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK: Lopinavir + Ritonavir, Chloroquine phosphate and Azathioprine. The date of restriction is 00:00am at the start of 26 February 2020.

3. 3 January 2020

Inconsistencies in the naming of medicines have been addressed and names now follow the 'Dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d)'. The restrictions are on the virtual therapeutic moiety (VTM) unless the actual medicinal product (AMP) is listed.

4. 18 December 2019

Alogliptin has been removed from the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK.

5. 4 December 2019

Two medicines have been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK: colestyramine sachets and fluticasone propionate nasules.

6. 13 November 2019

One medicine has been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK: hepatitis A and B vaccine. The date of restriction is 00:00am at the start of 14 November 2019.

7. 5 November 2019

Four medicines have been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK: alogliptin/metformin; pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine; measles, mumps and rubella vaccine; and misoprostol. The date of restriction is 00:00am at the start of 6 November 2019.

8. 17 October 2019

Four medicines have been added to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK: alprostadil, beclometasone dipropionate, norethisterone and ranitidine. The date of restriction is 00:00am at the start of 18 October 2019.

9. 9 October 2019

The 'Date of publication' column has been removed from the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK. This is to avoid confusion with the 'Date of restriction' column.

10. 8 October 2019

A link to guidance on 'Parallel export and hoarding of restricted medicines' has been added to the details text.

11. 3 October 2019

Added link to letter to holders of a wholesale dealer licence.

12. 3 October 2019

First published.

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- Licences to manufacture or wholesale medicines (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/licences-to-manufacture-or-wholesale-in-medicines>)
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