

15<sup>th</sup> of November 2014

## URGENT - FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	Recall	
<b>ARROW REFERENCE:</b>	AS1408-022	
<b>Commercial Name</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Batch</b>
<b>ARROW® Continuous Nerve Block Needle</b>	AB-18040-N	RF2096425
		RF2010131
		RF1057898
		RF0074365
		RF0035689

Dear Customer,

### 1. Details of affected devices

ARROW has initiated a voluntary Field Safety Corrective Action for the above listed products due to a labelling inconsistency.

### 2. Description of the problem

As seen in the figure below, the product lidstock incorrectly identifies the needle in the finished good as 17Ga (circled in red) rather than the correct 18Ga per the product code/reference AB-18040-N. The product included in the package is the correct 18Ga size. ARROW is recalling this lot in an effort to provide our customers and their patients with the highest quality product possible.



### **FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION INSTRUCTIONS:**

#### **ADVICE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY MEDICAL STAFF**

1. We request that you check your inventory for product within the scope of this field action. Users should cease use and distribution of stock of the affected product batch and quarantine immediately.
2. If you do not have stock in scope of this field action as referred to in above table then mark the according checkbox on the Acknowledgement form (Appendix 1) and return the form to the fax number or e-Mail-address mentioned below.
3. If you have stock from the affected product as referred to in above table, mark the according checkbox on the Acknowledgement form (Appendix 1).
4. Contact customer service by calling the phone number mentioned in Section 6 who will



issue you with a return number. Write this return number into the respective field in the Acknowledgement form.

5. Complete 'Appendix 1' for all products in your possession and under control. Return this form immediately to Customer Service.
6. ARROW (or your local dealer) will issue a credit note upon receipt of the returned affected product.

**INSTRUCTION FOR DISTRIBUTORS OF AFFECTED PRODUCT**

1. If you are a distributor, provide this field safety notice to all of your customers who have received product in scope of this Field Action. Your customer is then required to complete the acknowledgement form and return this to you.
  2. As a Distributor you are required to confirm to ARROW that you have completed the field activity outlined above. Upon completion of your actions, please forward the completed Acknowledgement Form to Customer Service.
  3. Please be aware that all European Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA/CH) and Turkey Member State Competent Authorities in which ARROW distribute directly will be notified by ARROW.
  4. If you are a distributor and/or have a reporting responsibility within or outside the EEA/CH/TK area, please notify your local Competent Authority of this action. Please forward the notification and all communication with your local competent authority to ARROW.
- 3. ARROW**  
ARROW informs all customers, employees of ARROW and distributors on this Field Action.
- 4. Transmission of this Field Safety Notice**  
This notice should be passed on to all persons who need to be aware within your organization or to any organization where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. Please consider end users, clinicians, risk managers, supply chain/distribution centers etc. in the circulation of this notice.
- Maintain awareness of this notice until all required actions have been completed in your organization
- 5. Contact reference person**  
Should you require any further information or support concerning this issue, please contact:

**Customer Service:**  
**Contact: Shane Kenny**  
**FAX: +353(0)1 4370773**

**Telephone: +353 (0) 906460869**  
**E-mail: orders.intl@teleflex.com**

Please be advised that all European Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA/CH) and Turkey Member State Competent Authorities to which ARROW distribute directly will be notified by ARROW.

ARROW is committed to providing high quality, safe and effective products. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this action may cause your operations. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact your local sales representative or Customer Service.

***For and on behalf of ARROW,***

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**VP Global RA/QA**



Appendix 1

Customer No: \_\_\_\_\_

### FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION

ARROW Ref: AS1408-022

### Acknowledgement Form

**URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED**

Return completed form immediately to:

FAX: +353(0)1 4370773

E-mail: orders.intl@teleflex.com

**Please check applicable box:**

<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm receipt of this FSN and completed the required actions contained therein. We confirm that our inventory does <b>NOT</b> include products affected by this Field Action.	<input type="checkbox"/> We confirm receipt of this FSN and completed the required actions contained therein. We confirm our inventory <b>DOES</b> include products affected by this Field Action. The use and further distribution of the affected products has been stopped. All products are on hold and the quantity stated below will be returned.
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Return Authorisation No _____</b> </div>	

**Please CLEARLY print the below return information:**

Names of Affected Products:			
<b>ARROW® Continuous Nerve Block Component</b>			
Product Number	(Size)	Lot Number	Quantity (Returning)
AB-18040-N			

**Return Instructions for Warehouse / Pharmacy Personnel:**

- Please label product returns as "Field Action Returns".
  - Include a copy of this form (including RAN Number) with product returns.
- Returns excluding ALL necessary documentation **CANNOT** be processed.

<b>Institution Name - (Hospital, Health Care Organisation, etc.)</b>	
<b>Institution Address:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>
	<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>Form completed by:</b>	
<b>Print Name:</b>	<b>Institution Stamp:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	