

## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) Foam packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) Foam packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are indicated on Table 1 and Table 2.

## Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months. When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications. The following issue has been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) Foam packaging after 12 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain an MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

#### **Required actions:**

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718), Foam packaging (lots listed in Table 1) which are now designated as expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) that is *E.coli* ATCC25922 strain (Expected range- MIC: 0,064-0.5 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) lots listed in Table 1.

## Product with remaining shelf life:

- The remaining products in Table 2, may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2 below.
- Correct expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note, ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 412293, 412292) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until its labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name        | Current Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 506718 | 1003788640 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> WW | 24                    | 12                      | 11-Feb-2016                  |
| 506718 | 1003823960 | TZ256 (F) WW        | 24                    | 12                      | 19-Mar-2016                  |
| 506718 | 1003945320 | TZ256 (F) WW        | 24                    | 12                      | 16-Apr-2016                  |
| 506718 | 1004427210 | TZ256 (F) WW        | 24                    | 12                      | 3-Nov-2016                   |
| 506718 | 1004510360 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> WW | 24                    | 12                      | 8-Dec-2016                   |
| 506758 | 1003693010 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 7-Jan-2016                   |
| 506758 | 1003922720 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 7-Apr-2016                   |
| 506758 | 1003945330 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 16-Apr-2016                  |
| 506758 | 1004193850 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 29-Jul-2016                  |
| 506758 | 1004325620 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 24-Sep-2016                  |
| 506758 | 1004427220 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 3-Nov-2016                   |
| 506758 | 1004510540 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 8-Dec-2016                   |

# Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

# Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name        | Current Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 506718 | 1004719300 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> WW | 24                    | 12                      | 10-Mar-2017                  |
| 506718 | 1004830170 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> WW | 24                    | 12                      | 27-Apr-2017                  |
| 506758 | 1004720640 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 10-Mar-2017                  |
| 506758 | 1004830190 | <b>TZ256 (F)</b> US | 24                    | 12                      | 27-Apr-2017                  |



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Fax : ..... Name of the laboratory:

City:

## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Ceftazidime TZ256 (Ref. 506758, 506718) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:second}$  Yes or  $\hfill \noise \nois$ 

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## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) FOAM packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. The product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1.

## Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 product listed in Table 1 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) FOAM packaging starting after 12 months of shelf-life

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

## Required actions:

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) Foam packaging which are now expired. These lots are in Table 1 below.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) that is *E.coli* ATCC25922 strain (Expected range- MIC: 4-16 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.
- The customer letter will also advise them to work within their own internal processes to determine if any retrospective analysis is needed.



- o Only report patient results if the QC is in the acceptable range.
- When you have received replacement product, discontinue using and discard impacted lots of ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) Foam packaging, lots listed in Table 1.

## Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note, ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 412306, 412307) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). | QC testing required. |
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| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name  | Current Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 503518 | 1003161140 | CE 256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 20-May-2015                  |
| 503558 | 1003158260 | CE 256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 20-May-2015                  |



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## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Cephalotin CE 256 (Ref. 503558, 503518) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:second}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfil$ 



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## Etest® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) SPB Packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

This letter is intended for all **ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32** (Ref. 412302, 412303) SPB packaging US & World Wide users. Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products (reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2).

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally two issues with ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) SPB that may affect the test performance.

#### Issue 1: Description: Stability issue

We have observed internally that the current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 products listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. As a result there is a potential for an overestimation of the MIC values for specifically *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims.

#### The following was identified:

**QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit)** for Quality Control strain *N. gonorrhoeae* ATCC 49226 listed in the Instructions For Use on the ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) SPB packaging after 12 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

There is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of product shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained for the QC strain. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false non-susceptible or a false resistant result.

#### Required actions:

The following recommendations require your immediate attention to ensure the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) (lots listed in Table 1 below) which are now expired after shelf-life reduction.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Until replacement product is available Laboratories may continue to use their now expired strips with the following recommendations:
  - Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) for the lots listed in Table 1 in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the



frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week.

- Laboratories should include in the QC testing the strain *N. gonorrhoeae* ATCC 49226 (Expected range-MIC: 0,004-0,016 µg/mL) defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST with the clinical isolate.
- Only report results if all QC is in the acceptable ranges.
- When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 412303) (listed in Table 1).

## Issue 2: Description: A potential performance issue on strain categorization

## The following was identified:

- For Streptococcus pneumoniae meningitis strains: based on 2016 CLSI guidelines a reduced MIC value might be obtained with ETEST® TXL32 (SPB and FOAM packaging) that could lead to a susceptible categorization instead of intermediate categorization (Minor Error) or resistant categorization (Very Major Error) for clinical strains as compared to broth microdulution (BMD) reference method.
- For *Streptococcus pneumoniae* strains (meningitis and non-meningitis): based on 2016 **EUCAST** guidelines a reduced MIC value could be obtained with ETEST® TXL32 SBP and FOAM packaging) leading to a susceptible categorization instead of intermediate categorization for clinical strains as compared to BMD reference method: Minor error.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

There is a potential to obtain:

- A susceptible result instead of an intermediate result (Minor Error) or resistant result (Very Major Error) for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis strains with ETEST® TXL32 SPB and FOAM packaging compared to the BMD reference method using 2016 CLSI guidelines.
- A susceptible result instead of an intermediate result (Minor Error) for Streptococcus pneumoniae strains with ETEST® TXL32 SPB and FOAM packaging compared to the BMD reference method and based on 2016 EUCAST guidelines.

**Recommendations for users under CLSI guidelines:** To inform customer that there is a potential to obtain a false susceptible result instead of intermediate or resistant result compared to the BMD reference method for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis based on 2016 CLSI breakpoints with ETEST® TXL32 (FOAM and SPB packaging). Laboratories can continue to use ETEST® TXL32 for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis when applying the following recommendations:

- <u>Under the following conditions ETEST® TXL32 results can be directly reported for</u> <u>Streptococcus pneumoniae (CLSI meningitis):</u>
  - o Isolate tests penicillin susceptible (MIC  $\leq$ 0.06 µg/ml) and ceftriaxone susceptible (ETEST® TXL32 MIC  $\leq$ 0.5 µg/ml)
  - o Isolate tests penicillin resistant (MIC  $\geq$ 0.12 µg/ml) and ceftriaxone resistant (ETEST® TXL32  $\geq$  2 µg/ml)
- For isolates testing penicillin resistant (MIC  $\geq$ 0.12 µg/ml) and ceftriaxone susceptible (ETEST® TXL32 MIC  $\leq$ 0.5 µg/ml) or intermediate (ETEST® TXL32 MIC=1 µg/ml), the ceftriaxone MIC should be confirmed using an alternative MIC test method.

**Recommendations for users under EUCAST guidelines:** to inform the customer that there is a potential to obtain a false susceptible result instead of intermediate result for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* strains compared to the BMD reference method based on 2016 **EUCAST** guidelines for ETEST® TXL32 (FOAM and SPB packaging). Laboratories can continue to use ETEST® TXL32 for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* when applying the following the recommendations:



Laboratories should verify the result by an alternative method for each Streptococcus pneumoniae isolate (meningitis and non-meningitis) with an ETEST® TXL32 MIC ≥0.5 µg/ml). This verification is not needed for isolates that are known to be fully susceptible to benzylpenicillin (MIC ≤0.06 µg/ml) or that have an oxacillin zone diameter >8 mm.

## Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Alternative methods of testing for Ceftriaxone and Streptococcus pneumonia are available, please contact bioMérieux for automated alternate methods.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current Shelf-<br>life | Corrected Shelf-<br>life | Corrected<br>Expiration date |
|--------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 412302 | 1002939460 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 10-Feb-2015                  |
| 412302 | 1003361690 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 18-Aug-2015                  |
| 412302 | 1003848910 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 9-Mar-2016                   |
| 412302 | 1004041770 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 28-May-2016                  |
| 412302 | 1004394530 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 21-Oct-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1002939450 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 10-Feb-2015                  |
| 412303 | 1003089900 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 15-Apr-2015                  |
| 412303 | 1003813690 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 23-Feb-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1003851120 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 10-Mar-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1003953500 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 20-Apr-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1004152070 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 9-Jul-2016                   |
| 412303 | 1004315690 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 21-Sep-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1004394520 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 21-Oct-2016                  |
| 412303 | 1004525320 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 14-Dec-2016                  |

 Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

## Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current Shelf-<br>life | Corrected Shelf-<br>life | Corrected<br>Expiration date |
|--------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 412302 | 1004731200 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 25-Mar-2017                  |
| 412302 | 1004876830 | TX 32 SPB US | 36                     | 12                       | 18-May-2017                  |
| 412303 | 1002939450 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 10-Feb-2015                  |
| 412303 | 1003089900 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 15-Apr-2015                  |
| 412303 | 1004755940 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 25-Mar-2017                  |
| 412303 | 1004828440 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 26-Apr-2017                  |
| 412303 | 1004876840 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 18-May-2017                  |
| 412303 | 1005118100 | TX 32 SPB WW | 36                     | 12                       | 30-Aug-2017                  |



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Fax : ..... Name of the laboratory:

City:

## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 412302, 41303) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:second}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfil$ 



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## DECEMBER, 15, 2016

## ETEST® Ciprofloxacin Cl 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) FOAM packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included Table 1 and Table 2.

#### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications. The following issue has been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit): for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) FOAM packaging starting after 12 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

#### **Required actions:**

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Ciprofloxacin Cl 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) FOAM packaging (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now designated as expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618), lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) that is *E.coli* ATCC25922 strain (Expected range-MIC: 0,004-0,016 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the Etest strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618), lots listed in Table 1.

## Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in **Table 2.** These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements defined within Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note, ETEST® Ciprofloxacin Cl32 (Ref. 412310, 412311) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| Tal    | Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required. |                              |               |            |                          |  |
|--------|---|------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|--|
|        |   |                              | Current Shelf | Corrected  | Corrected Expiration     |  |
| REF    | Lot#  | Product Name                 | Life          | Shelf Life | Date                     |  |
| 508610 | 1001026950  | CI 32 (F) WW<br>CI 32 (F) WW | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508610 | 1001199360  |                              | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508610 | 1001427690  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508610 | 1001518090  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508610 | 1001595490  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |
| 508610 | 1001740320  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |
| 508610 | 1001989260  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 10-Dec-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001032350  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508618 | 1001242030  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508618 | 1001338050  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508618 | 1001416820  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508618 | 1001471720  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001595500  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001627650  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001720440  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001728140  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001786480  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1001956220  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 10-Dec-2013              |  |
| 508618 | 1002109250  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 28-Jan-2014              |  |
| 508618 | 1002338880  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 23-May-2014              |  |
| 508618 | 1002435190  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 26-Jun-2014              |  |
| 508618 | 1002566960  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 26-Aug-2014              |  |
| 508618 | 1002718380  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 30-Oct-2014              |  |
| 508618 | 1002975330  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 25-Feb-2015              |  |
| 508618 | 1003886270  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 23-Mar-2016              |  |
| 508618 | 1003894060  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 25-Mar-2016              |  |
| 508618 | 1003981160  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         |                          |  |
| 508618 | 1004064990  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 2-May-2016<br>6-Jun-2016 |  |
|        | 1004004990  | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         |                          |  |
| 508618 | 1004073190  | CI 32 (F) WW                 |               |            | 9-Jun-2016               |  |
| 508618 |   | CI 32 (F) WW                 | 60            | 12         | 18-Jul-2016              |  |
| 508618 | 1004490810  |                              | 60            | 12         | 29-Nov-2016              |  |
| 508650 | 1001060450  | CI 32 (F) US<br>CI 32 (F) US | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001154650  |                              | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001212890  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001264540  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001319180  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001390080  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 7-Jan-2013               |  |
| 508650 | 1001390440  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508650 | 1001409510  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508650 | 1001409520  | CI 32 (F) US                 | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508650 | 1001441760  | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US          | 60            | 12         | 15-May-2013              |  |
| 508650 | 1001540660  | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US          | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |
| 508650 | 1001589490  | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US          | 60            | 12         | 30-Jul-2013              |  |

# Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.



| 508650 | 1001621240 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 30-Jul-2013 |
|--------|------------|---------------------|----|----|-------------|
| 508650 | 1001656460 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 30-Jul-2013 |
| 508658 | 1001093880 | CI 32 (F) US        | 60 | 12 | 7-Jan-2013  |
| 508658 | 1001154820 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 7-Jan-2013  |
| 508658 | 1001265110 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 7-Jan-2013  |
| 508658 | 1001319480 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 7-Jan-2013  |
| 508658 | 1001390570 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 7-Jan-2013  |
| 508658 | 1001441910 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 15-May-2013 |
| 508658 | 1001487610 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 15-May-2013 |
| 508658 | 1001647880 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 15-May-2013 |
| 508658 | 1001708510 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 15-May-2013 |
| 508658 | 1001811360 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 30-Jul-2013 |
| 508658 | 1002041010 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 10-Dec-2013 |
| 508658 | 1002102920 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 10-Dec-2013 |
| 508658 | 1002435570 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 26-Jun-2014 |
| 508658 | 1002567240 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 26-Aug-2014 |
| 508658 | 1002725010 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 3-Nov-2014  |
| 508658 | 1003246020 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 30-Jun-2015 |
| 508658 | 1003889730 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 24-Mar-2016 |
| 508658 | 1004168400 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 18-Jul-2016 |
| 508658 | 1004364330 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 10-Oct-2016 |
| 508658 | 1004491220 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60 | 12 | 29-Nov-2016 |

| Table 2: | Product with | remaining | shelf life |
|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
|          |              |           |            |

| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name        | Current Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 508618 | 1004939640 | CI 32 (F) WW        | 60                    | 12                      | 9-Jun-2017                   |
| 508658 | 1004939670 | <b>CI 32 (F)</b> US | 60                    | 12                      | 9-Jun-2017                   |



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Fax : ..... Name of the laboratory:

City:

## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Ciprofloxacin CI 32 (Ref. 508650, 508658, 508610, 508618) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:alpha}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfill$ 



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) FOAM packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2.

## Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) FOAM packaging over the product shelf-life starting after 12 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

#### Required actions:

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) FOAM packaging (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525558, 525510, 525518) that are *E. faecalis* ATCC 29212 (Expected range-MIC: 1-4 µg/mI) and *S.pneumoniae* ATCC 49619 (Expected range-MIC: 0.125-0.5 µg/mI). The MIC result for those specific strains must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) lots listed in Table 1.

#### Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in Table 2. These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

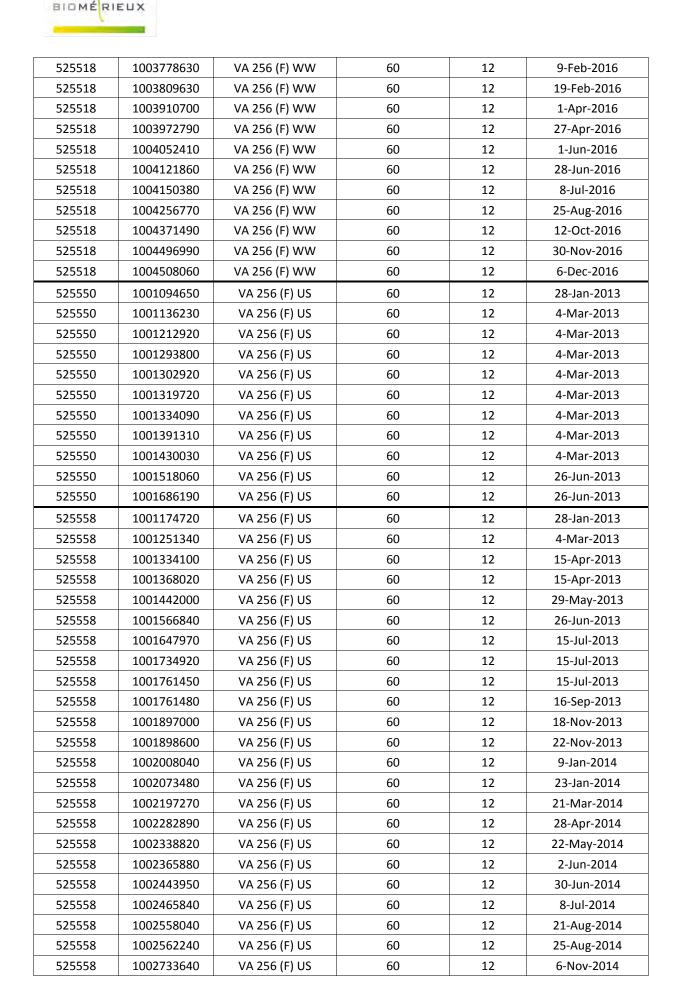
- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
  - Please note, ETEST® (Vancomycin) SPB packaging (Ref. 412486, 412488) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

bioMérieux is committed to providing our customers with the highest quality product possible. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you require additional assistance or have any questions, please contact your local bioMérieux Clinical Customer Service representative.



| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name  | Current Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 525510 | 1001051200 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 28-Jan-2013                  |
| 525510 | 1001125840 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Mar-2013                   |
| 525510 | 1001416930 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Mar-2013                   |
| 525510 | 1001455150 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Mar-2013                   |
| 525510 | 1001548250 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 26-Jun-2013                  |
| 525510 | 1001596090 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 26-Jun-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001192860 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 28-Jan-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001223460 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 28-Jan-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001317000 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 28-Jan-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001338170 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Mar-2013                   |
| 525518 | 1001416940 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Mar-2013                   |
| 525518 | 1001416950 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 15-Apr-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001492590 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 29-May-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001566860 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 29-May-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001634070 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 26-Jun-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001728340 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 26-Jun-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001761460 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 16-Sep-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001887350 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 18-Nov-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1001894800 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 22-Nov-2013                  |
| 525518 | 1002007990 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 9-Jan-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002045080 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 23-Jan-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002113290 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 17-Feb-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002197250 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 20-Mar-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002287970 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 29-Apr-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002338070 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 22-May-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002369060 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 2-Jun-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002440920 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 30-Jun-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002463490 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 8-Jul-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002496690 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 21-Jul-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002565090 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 25-Aug-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002583690 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 2-Sep-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002604690 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 11-Sep-2014                  |
| 525518 | 1002663860 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 8-Oct-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002809200 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 8-Dec-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002809880 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 9-Dec-2014                   |
| 525518 | 1002876470 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 13-Jan-2015                  |
| 525518 | 1002922750 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 3-Feb-2015                   |
| 525518 | 1003079740 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 10-Apr-2015                  |
| 525518 | 1003134480 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 11-May-2015                  |
| 525518 | 1003373510 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 24-Aug-2015                  |
| 525518 | 1003621540 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 3-Dec-2015                   |

## Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.





| 525558 | 1002751340 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 14-Nov-2014 |
|--------|------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|
| 525558 | 1003171920 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 26-May-2015 |
| 525558 | 1003449250 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 22-Sep-2015 |
| 525558 | 1003679000 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 29-Dec-2015 |
| 525558 | 1003836080 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 3-Mar-2016  |
| 525558 | 1004040220 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 26-May-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004121870 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 28-Jun-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004151340 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 8-Jul-2016  |
| 525558 | 1004173130 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 19-Jul-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004256780 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 25-Aug-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004264340 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 30-Aug-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004371500 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 12-Oct-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004491190 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 30-Nov-2016 |
| 525558 | 1004509340 | VA 256 (F) US | 60 | 12 | 6-Dec-2016  |

## Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name  | Current Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 525518 | 1004564470 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Jan-2017                   |
| 525518 | 1004775890 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Apr-2017                   |
| 525518 | 1004913990 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 1-Jun-2017                   |
| 525518 | 1004980270 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 27-Jun-2017                  |
| 525518 | 1005027170 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 18-Jul-2017                  |
| 525518 | 1005132320 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Sep-2017                   |
| 525518 | 1005186480 | VA 256 (F) WW | 60                 | 12                      | 26-Sep-2017                  |
| 525558 | 1004735790 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 16-Mar-2017                  |
| 525558 | 1004767430 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 30-Mar-2017                  |
| 525558 | 1004775900 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Apr-2017                   |
| 525558 | 1004914010 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 1-Jun-2017                   |
| 525558 | 1004980280 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 27-Jun-2017                  |
| 525558 | 1005027180 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 18-Jul-2017                  |
| 525558 | 1005132340 | VA 256 (F) US | 60                 | 12                      | 4-Sep-2017                   |



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Fax : ..... Name of the laboratory:

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## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Vancomycin VA 256 (Ref. 525550, 525558, 525510, 525518) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:alpha}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfill$ 



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918)

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included Table 1 and Table 2.

#### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918) FOAM packaging starting after 12 months of shelf-life

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

## Required actions:

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918) FOAM packaging (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918), lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918) that is *E.coli* ATCC 25922 (Expected range-MIC: 0.008-0.064 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 535958, 535918), lots listed in Table 1.

## Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in **Table 2.** These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements defined within Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note, **ETEST® Doripenem DOR32 (Ref. 412325, 412326) SPB packaging** performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name  | Current<br>Shelf life | Corrected Shelf<br>life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 535918 | 1003902400 | DOR 32 (F) WW | 24                    | 12                      | 30-Mar-2016                  |
| 535918 | 1004103780 | DOR 32 (F) WW | 24                    | 12                      | 22-Jun-2016                  |
| 535918 | 1004266960 | DOR 32 (F) WW | 24                    | 12                      | 31-Aug-2016                  |
| 535958 | 1004265390 | DOR 32 (F) US | 24                    | 12                      | 31-Aug-2016                  |

Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

## Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life

| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name  | Current<br>Shelf life | Corrected Shelf<br>life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 535918 | 1004867770 | DOR 32 (F) WW | 24                    | 12                      | 13-May-2017                  |
| 535958 | 1005138210 | DOR 32 (F) US | 24                    | 12                      | 7-Sep-2017                   |



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□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:alpha}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfill$ 



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) Foam packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included Table 1 and Table 2.

## Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) FOAM packaging starting after 12 months of shelf-life

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 12 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

#### **Required actions:**

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502550, 502558, 502510, 502518) that is *B.fragilis* ATCC 25285 (Expected range-MIC: 8-32 µg/mL).



The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.

• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518), lots listed in Table 1.

## Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in **Table 2.** These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements defined within Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

## Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note, ETEST® PG256 (Ref. 412262, 412263) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until the labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf life | Corrected<br>Shelf life | Corrected Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 502518 | 1002911350 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 28-Jan-2015               |
| 502518 | 1002964350 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 20-Feb-2015               |
| 502518 | 1003012790 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 13-Mar-2015               |
| 502518 | 1004047370 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 31-May-2016               |
| 502518 | 1004140000 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 6-Jul-2016                |
| 502518 | 1004244180 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 20-Aug-2016               |
| 502518 | 1004420440 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 1-Nov-2016                |
| 502558 | 1003036730 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 24-Mar-2015               |
| 502558 | 1003142000 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 13-May-2015               |
| 502558 | 1003191650 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 5-Jun-2015                |
| 502558 | 1003408580 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 4-Sep-2015                |
| 502558 | 1004047410 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 31-May-2016               |
| 502558 | 1004139950 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 6-Jul-2016                |
| 502558 | 1004242300 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 20-Aug-2016               |

 Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

# Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life

| REF    | Lot#       | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf life | Corrected<br>Shelf life | Corrected Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 502518 | 1004539950 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 20-Dec-2016               |
| 502518 | 1004783760 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 7-Apr-2017                |
| 502518 | 1004872350 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 16-May-2017               |
| 502518 | 1004896600 | PG256 (F) WW | 36                    | 12                      | 26-May-2017               |
| 502558 | 1004539350 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 20-Dec-2016               |
| 502558 | 1004783810 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 7-Apr-2017                |
| 502558 | 1004872380 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 16-May-2017               |
| 502558 | 1004910650 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 1-Jun-2017                |
| 502558 | 1004985540 | PG256 (F) US | 36                    | 12                      | 30-Jun-2017               |



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## **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Benzyl Penicillin PG256 (Ref. 502558, 502518) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:alpha}$  Yes or  $\hfill \label{eq:alpha}$  No



## URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) blister packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) blister packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2.

#### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of twenty four (24) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) blister packaging starting after 24 months of shelf-life

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 24 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

## **Required actions:**

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) Blister packaging (lots listed Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organisms defined as the stability indicators for ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) that are *E coli* ATCC25922 (Expected range-MIC: 0.5-2 µg/mL) and *E.faecalis* ATCC 29212 (Expected range-MIC: 16-64µg/mL) strains. The MIC results for this specific strains must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) lots listed in Table 1.

#### Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify impacted lots defined in Table 2, which may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2.
- Update the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required. |            |               |            |            |                      |  |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--|
| 255   |            | Product Name  | Current    | Corrected  | Corrected Expiration |  |
| REF   | Lot#       | FM1024 (B) WW | Shelf Life | Shelf Life | Date                 |  |
| 529100  | 1001324170 | . ,           | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001378120 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001403920 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001433710 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001472010 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001487340 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001517680 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001535750 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001567600 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001617880 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001621170 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001702730 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001707190 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-May-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001726300 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 27-Aug-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001761020 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 27-Aug-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001879240 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 13-Nov-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001927370 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 13-Nov-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001976740 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 13-Nov-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1001998470 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 13-Nov-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1002123080 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 13-Nov-2014          |  |
| 529100  | 1002160660 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 27-Feb-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002391350 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 27-Feb-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002449230 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 25-Jun-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002487920 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 10-Jul-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002551790 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Jul-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002614480 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Aug-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002705810 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 25-Sep-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002786510 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 7-Nov-2015           |  |
| 529100  | 1002890670 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 10-Jul-2015          |  |
| 529100  | 1002960380 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 16-Jan-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1002992220 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 20-Feb-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1003030800 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 6-Mar-2016           |  |
| 529100  | 1003181900 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 15-May-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1003274090 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 25-Jun-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1003491050 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 18-Sep-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1003526870 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 8-Oct-2016           |  |
| 529100  | 1003557650 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 23-Oct-2016          |  |
| 529100  | 1003678050 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 4-Dec-2016           |  |
|   |            | FM1024 (B) WW |            |            |                      |  |
| 529108  | 1001324180 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529108  | 1001370190 | . ,           | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529108  | 1001482570 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |
| 529108  | 1001527650 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60         | 24         | 22-Mar-2014          |  |



| 529108 | 1001567610 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
|--------|------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|
| 529108 | 1001634260 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529108 | 1001744620 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529108 | 1001829580 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529108 | 1002044710 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529108 | 1002090510 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529108 | 1002175950 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529108 | 1002223920 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 27-Feb-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002392160 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 24-Apr-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002449900 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 25-Jun-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002494590 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 10-Jul-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002565460 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 22-Jul-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002615530 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 22-Aug-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002706050 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 25-Sep-2015 |
| 529108 | 1002785800 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 7-Nov-2015  |
| 529108 | 1002960400 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 16-Jan-2016 |
| 529108 | 1002992240 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 20-Feb-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003099530 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 27-Mar-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003182230 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 15-May-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003322130 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 10-Jul-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003404520 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 18-Aug-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003491000 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 18-Sep-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003526910 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 8-Oct-2016  |
| 529108 | 1003580860 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 30-Oct-2016 |
| 529108 | 1003629820 | FM1024 (B) WW | 60 | 24 | 20-Nov-2016 |
| 529100 | 1001390510 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-Mar-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001441860 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001609400 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001733320 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001761030 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001920530 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529140 | 1001966610 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529140 | 1002009360 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529140 | 1002084930 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529140 | 1002106570 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529140 | 1002158050 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Feb-2015 |
| 529140 | 1002168110 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Feb-2015 |



| 529140 | 1002395840 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 24-Apr-2015 |
|--------|------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|
| 529140 | 1002452170 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Jun-2015 |
| 529140 | 1002500020 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 10-Jul-2015 |
| 529140 | 1002604960 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-Aug-2015 |
| 529140 | 1002992250 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 20-Feb-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003030810 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 6-Mar-2016  |
| 529140 | 1003127520 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 17-Apr-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003274260 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Jun-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003322150 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 10-Jul-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003412730 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 18-Aug-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003535930 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 18-Sep-2016 |
| 529140 | 1003678890 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 4-Dec-2016  |
| 529148 | 1001368050 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-Mar-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001442030 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001566960 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001578760 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001708630 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-May-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001833500 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001894590 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001920200 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529148 | 1001955170 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Aug-2014 |
| 529148 | 1002084950 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529148 | 1002172820 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 13-Nov-2014 |
| 529148 | 1002226550 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Feb-2015 |
| 529148 | 1002410940 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 24-Apr-2015 |
| 529148 | 1002451250 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Jun-2015 |
| 529148 | 1002501640 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 10-Jul-2015 |
| 529148 | 1002604970 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 22-Aug-2015 |



| 529148 | 1002964340 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 16-Jan-2016 |
|--------|------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|
| 529148 | 1002992260 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 20-Feb-2016 |
| 529148 | 1003121770 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 17-Apr-2016 |
| 529148 | 1003274280 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Jun-2016 |
| 529148 | 1003491070 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 18-Sep-2016 |
| 529148 | 1003526920 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 8-Oct-2016  |
| 529148 | 1003626710 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 20-Nov-2016 |

### Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life

|        |            | n remaining sheif lif<br>Product Name | Current    | Corrected  | Corrected Expiration |
|--------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| REF    | Lot#       |                                       | Shelf Life | Shelf Life | Date                 |
| 529100 | 1003836110 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 29-Jan-2017          |
| 529100 | 1004100080 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 3-Jun-2017           |
| 529100 | 1004137920 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 16-Jun-2017          |
| 529100 | 1004273550 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 19-Aug-2017          |
| 529100 | 1004381380 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 15-Apr-2017          |
| 529100 | 1004593700 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 2-Dec-2017           |
| 529100 | 1004629890 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 9-Jan-2018           |
| 529100 | 1004631880 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 9-Jan-2018           |
| 529100 | 1004851860 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 14-Apr-2018          |
| 529100 | 1005034300 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 29-Jun-2018          |
| 529100 | 1005192380 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 15-Sep-2018          |
| 529100 | 1005261410 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 6-Oct-2018           |
| 529108 | 1003876820 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 19-Feb-2017          |
| 529108 | 1004022140 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 28-Apr-2017          |
| 529108 | 1004177620 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 1-Jul-2017           |
| 529108 | 1004323320 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 2-Sep-2017           |
| 529108 | 1004576570 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 16-Dec-2017          |
| 529108 | 1004680780 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 3-Feb-2018           |
| 529108 | 1004941770 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 2-Jun-2018           |
| 529108 | 1005098120 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 11-Jul-2018          |
| 529108 | 1005212770 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 22-Sep-2018          |
| 529108 | 1005302500 | FM1024 (B) WW                         | 60         | 24         | 13-Oct-2018          |
| 529140 | 1003800400 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 22-Jan-2017          |
| 529140 | 1004100220 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 3-Jun-2017           |
| 529140 | 1004177630 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 1-Jul-2017           |
| 529140 | 1004365540 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 4-May-2017           |
| 529140 | 1004410620 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 7-Oct-2017           |
| 529140 | 1004557900 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 9-Dec-2017           |
| 529140 | 1004703240 | FM1024 (B) US                         | 60         | 24         | 27-Jan-2018          |



| 529140 | 1004783050 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 10-Mar-2018 |
|--------|------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|
| 529140 | 1004838760 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 14-Apr-2018 |
| 529140 | 1005034320 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 29-Jun-2018 |
| 529140 | 1005097790 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 28-Jul-2018 |
| 529140 | 1005151830 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Aug-2018 |
| 529148 | 1003743380 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 15-Jan-2017 |
| 529148 | 1003946090 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 1-Apr-2017  |
| 529148 | 1004037330 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 4-May-2017  |
| 529148 | 1004273540 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 19-Aug-2017 |
| 529148 | 1004323330 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 2-Sep-2017  |
| 529148 | 1004557890 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 9-Dec-2017  |
| 529148 | 1004593710 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 2-Dec-2017  |
| 529148 | 1004696420 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 27-Jan-2018 |
| 529148 | 1004790240 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 24-Mar-2018 |
| 529148 | 1005031600 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 16-Jun-2018 |
| 529148 | 1005098130 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 11-Jul-2018 |
| 529148 | 1005151890 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 1-Sep-2018  |
| 529148 | 1005151920 | FM1024 (B) US | 60 | 24 | 25-Aug-2018 |



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Fax : ..... Name of the laboratory:

City:

### **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® Fosfomycin FM1024 (Ref. 529140, 529148, 529100, 529108) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue? □ Yes or □ No



### **URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193**

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Imipenem IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) Foam packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the referenced products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Imipenem IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) Foam packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2.

### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Impenem IP32 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of thirty-six (36) months.

When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) Foam packaging after T36 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 36 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

### **Required actions:**

#### Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction):

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) FOAM packaging (lots listed in Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) lots listed in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organisms defined as the stability indicators for ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) that are the following strains:

  - *E coli* ATCC 25922 (Expected range-MIC: 0.064-0.25 μg/mL) *P. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 (Expected range-MIC: 1-4 μg/mL)
  - S.pneumoniae ATCC 49619 (Expected range-MIC: 0.032-0.125 µg/mL)



- B tethaiotaomicron ATCC 29741 (Expected range-MIC: 0.064-0.25 µg/mL)
- The MIC results for those specific strains must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.
- When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) lots listed in Table 1.

### Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products listed in Table 2. These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note that ETEST® IP32 Imipenem (Ref. 412373, 412374) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

bioMérieux is committed to providing our customers with the highest quality product possible. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you require additional assistance or have any questions, please contact your local bioMérieux Clinical Customer Service representative.



| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 513610 | 1001125240 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513610 | 1001610770 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 26-Aug-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001193130 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001223300 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001316710 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001377740 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001454060 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 19-Apr-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001454090 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001527340 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001633670 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001721100 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001801280 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1001804930 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 30-Sep-2015                  |
| 513618 | 1002029820 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 13-Jan-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002234950 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 11-Apr-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002238110 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 14-Apr-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002269280 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Apr-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002476170 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 14-Jul-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002593870 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 8-Sep-2016                   |
| 513618 | 1002699130 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 21-Oct-2016                  |
| 513618 | 1002702380 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Oct-2016                  |
| 513650 | 1001135740 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001154700 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001251110 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001319240 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001333960 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001409550 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001557360 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513650 | 1001574370 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 26-Aug-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001154880 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001265150 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 22-Feb-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001368000 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 19-Apr-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001390590 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 19-Apr-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001487630 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001609830 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001676400 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001735190 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 10-Jun-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1001811380 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 30-Sep-2015                  |
| 513658 | 1002056670 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 13-Jan-2016                  |
| 513658 | 1002230910 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 11-Apr-2016                  |
| 513658 | 1002478800 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 14-Jul-2016                  |

# Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (After reduction). QC testing required.



| 513658 | 1002596830 | IP 32 (F) US | 60 | 36 | 8-Sep-2016 |
|--------|------------|--------------|----|----|------------|
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# Table 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 513618 | 1003066070 | IP 32 (F) WW | 60                    | 36                      | 6-Apr-2017                   |
| 513658 | 1003066090 | IP 32 (F) US | 60                    | 36                      | 6-Apr-2017                   |



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### **Customer number:**

□ I acknowledge the receipt of bioMérieux Urgent Field Safety Notice informing this laboratory on the ETEST® IP32 (Ref. 513610, 513618, 513658, 513650) product issue?

□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:second}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfil$ 



### URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) FOAM packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the referenced products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2.

### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of forty-eight (48) months. When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) FOAM packaging after T48 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 48 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

### **Required actions:**

### Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction):

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) FOAM packaging (lots listed in Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) lots listed Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organisms defined as the stability indicators for ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) that are *E.coli ATCC25922* (Expected range-MIC: 0,25-1 µg/mL) and *P. aeruginosa ATCC27853* (Expected range-MIC:



0,5-2  $\mu$ g/mL) strains. The MIC results for those specific strains must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.

• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Gentamicin GM256 (Ref. 512550, 512510, 512558, 512518) lots listed Table 1.

#### Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products in Table 2. These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note that ETEST® GM256 Gentamycin (Ref. 412367, 412368) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 512510 | 1001970170 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 2-Dec-2016                   |
| 512510 | 1002154750 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 2-Dec-2016                   |
| 512518 | 1001595660 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512518 | 1001707960 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512518 | 1001803880 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 25-Oct-2016                  |
| 512550 | 1002001100 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 2-Dec-2016                   |
| 512550 | 1002048740 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 2-Dec-2016                   |
| 512558 | 1001564260 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512558 | 1001676270 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512558 | 1001733240 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512558 | 1001793760 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 3-Jul-2016                   |
| 512558 | 1001873760 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 25-Oct-2016                  |

 Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

# TABLE 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 512518 | 1002094250 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 10-Feb-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1002229210 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 10-Apr-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1002233690 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 11-Apr-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1002559790 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 22-Aug-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1002684500 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 14-Oct-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1002823910 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 15-Dec-2017                  |
| 512518 | 1003164040 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 22-May-2018                  |
| 512518 | 1003191670 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 5-Jun-2018                   |
| 512518 | 1003279330 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 10-Jul-2018                  |
| 512518 | 1003604650 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 26-Nov-2018                  |
| 512518 | 1004047450 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 30-May-2019                  |
| 512518 | 1004157400 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 13-Jul-2019                  |
| 512518 | 1004247950 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 22-Aug-2019                  |
| 512518 | 1004252220 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 24-Aug-2019                  |
| 512518 | 1004528390 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 14-Dec-2019                  |
| 512518 | 1004567000 | GM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 5-Jan-2020                   |
| 512558 | 1002113320 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 10-Feb-2017                  |
| 512558 | 1002230930 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 11-Apr-2017                  |
| 512558 | 1002559800 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 22-Aug-2017                  |
| 512558 | 1002823250 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 15-Dec-2017                  |
| 512558 | 1003495040 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 9-Oct-2018                   |
| 512558 | 1003883840 | GM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 22-Mar-2019                  |



| 512558 | 1004248160 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 22-Aug-2019 |
|--------|------------|--------------|----|----|-------------|
| 512558 | 1004252230 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 24-Aug-2019 |
| 512558 | 1004277880 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 5-Sep-2019  |
| 512558 | 1004567040 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 5-Jan-2020  |
| 512558 | 1004946070 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 12-Jun-2020 |
| 512558 | 1004980260 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 23-Jun-2020 |
| 512558 | 1005146190 | GM256 (F) US | 60 | 48 | 8-Sep-2020  |



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□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:second}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfil$ 

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### URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) FOAM

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

Our records indicate that your laboratory received the referenced products. This letter is intended for all ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) FOAM packaging US & World Wide users. Product reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2.

### Description of the issue:

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally that current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 product listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims, that requires your immediate attention to ensure proper use of the product within its revised shelf-life of forty-eight (48) months. When used within the revised shelf-life, the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, the following have been identified:

⇒ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) FOAM packaging after T48 months of shelf-life.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected after 48 months of shelf-life. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false resistant result.

### Required actions:

#### Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction):

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) FOAM packaging (lots listed in Table 1 below) which are now expired.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) lots listed and in Table 1, in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the frequency of QC testing to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week and only report results if the QC is in the acceptable range. Also, we recommend to include in the QC testing, the organism defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) that is *E.coli ATCC25922* strain (Expected range-MIC: 0.25-1 µg/mL). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST strip.



• When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Tobramycin TM256 (Ref. 522718, 522758) lots listed and in Table 1.

#### Product with remaining shelf life:

- Identify products listed in Table 2. These products may be used within the revised shelf life requirements as defined in Table 2.
- Correct the expiration date of the remaining usable product to meet the new shelf life specified in Table 2.

#### Additional actions:

- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients..
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation.
  - Please note that ETEST® TM256 Tobramycin (Ref. 412478, 412479) SPB packaging performs within the specifications until its labeled expiration date.
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

bioMérieux is committed to providing our customers with the highest quality product possible. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you require additional assistance or have any questions, please contact your local bioMérieux Clinical Customer Service representative.



| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 522718 | 1001761650 | TM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 8-Nov-2016                      |
| 522718 | 1002112440 | TM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 8-Nov-2016                      |
| 522758 | 1001888970 | TM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 8-Nov-2016                      |

# Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.

## TABLE 2: Product with remaining shelf life.

| REF    | Lot #      | Product Name | Current<br>Shelf<br>Life | Corrected<br>Shelf Life | Corrected<br>Expiration<br>Date |
|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 522718 | 1002860460 | TM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 7-Jan-2018                      |
| 522718 | 1005166530 | TM256 (F) WW | 60                       | 48                      | 14-Sep-2020                     |
| 522758 | 1002281590 | TM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 25-Apr-2017                     |
| 522758 | 1003590490 | TM256 (F) US | 60                       | 48                      | 19-Nov-2018                     |



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□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\Box$  Yes or  $\Box$  No

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### URGENT FIELD SAFETY REMOVAL FSCA3193

## **DECEMBER 15, 2016**

## ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) FOAM packaging

Dear Laboratory Manager or Laboratory Director,

This letter is intended for all **ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) FOAM** packaging US & World Wide users. Our records indicate that your laboratory received the following products (reference and lot numbers are included in Table 1 and Table 2).

As a part of our ongoing thorough analysis of the ETEST® product range, we have observed internally two issues with ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) FOAM that may affect the test performance.

### Issue 1: Description: shelf life claims

We have observed internally that the current shelf-life claims of the ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 products listed in Table 2 are not supported by internal testing. As a result there is a potential for an overestimation of the MIC values for specifically *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. No increase of the complaint trend was observed for these products, but we are taking the precaution of revising the shelf-life claims.

The following has been identified

➡ QC failure (MICs above the upper QC limit) for some Quality Control strains listed in the Instructions For Use on ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) FOAM packaging.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

As a result of the observed performance issue, there is a potential to obtain a MIC result that is higher than expected. This type of error would be detectable during quality control testing as an out of range MIC result would be obtained. Patient results may also be elevated resulting in a false Non-Susceptible or a false Resistant result.

#### Required actions:

The following recommendations require your immediate attention to ensure the product will continue to perform per its labeled performance specifications, within its revised shelf-life of twelve (12) months.

- Identify impacted lots of ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) FOAM packaging (lots listed in Table 1 below) which are now expired after shelf-life reduction.
- Immediately order the replacement products appropriate for your institution.
- Until replacement product is available Laboratories may continue to use their now expired strips with the following recommendations:
  - Laboratories should continue to follow their current QC procedures for ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) for the lots listed in Table 1 in accordance with CLIA and local regulatory requirements, with a modification to increase the



<u>frequency of QC testing</u> to weekly or every day of use if previous QC testing exceeds one week.

- Laboratories should include in the QC testing the strain (*N. gonorrhoeae* ATCC 49226) defined as the stability indicator for ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018). The MIC result for this specific strain must fall in the acceptable range to confirm the validity of the QC test and performance of the ETEST with the clinical isolate.
- o Only report results if all QC is in the acceptable ranges.
- When replacement product is received, discontinue using and discard impacted ETEST® Ceftriaxone TXL32 (Ref. 507058, 507018) (listed in Table 1) whatever the product shelf-life.
- Please note that the **FOAM** packaging manufacturing has been already discontinued and all customers will be transitioned to **Single Pack Blister (SPB)** packaging.

#### Issue 2: Description: A potential performance issue on strain categorization

#### The following was identified:

- For Streptococcus pneumoniae meningitis strains: based on 2016 CLSI guidelines a reduced MIC value might be obtained with ETEST® TXL32 (SPB and FOAM packaging) that could lead to a susceptible categorization instead of intermediate categorization (Minor Error) or resistant categorization (Very Major Error) for clinical strains as compared to broth microdulution (BMD) reference method.
- For *Streptococcus pneumoniae* strains (meningitis and non-meningitis): based on 2016 **EUCAST** guidelines a reduced MIC value could be obtained with ETEST® TXL32 SBP and FOAM packaging) leading to a susceptible categorization instead of intermediate categorization for clinical strains as compared to BMD reference method: Minor error.

#### Impact to Patient/User:

There is a potential to obtain:

- A susceptible result instead of an intermediate result (Minor Error) or resistant result (Very Major Error) for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis strains with ETEST® TXL32 SPB and FOAM packaging compared to the BMD reference method using 2016 CLSI guidelines.
- A susceptible result instead of an intermediate result (Minor Error) for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* strains with ETEST® TXL32 SPB and FOAM packaging compared to the BMD reference method and based on 2016 **EUCAST** guidelines.

**Recommendations for users under CLSI guidelines:** To inform customer that there is a potential to obtain a false susceptible result instead of intermediate or resistant result compared to the BMD reference method for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis based on 2016 CLSI breakpoints with ETEST® TXL32 (FOAM and SPB packaging). Laboratories can continue to use ETEST® TXL32 for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* meningitis when applying the following recommendations:

- <u>Under the following conditions ETEST® TXL32 results can be directly reported for</u> <u>Streptococcus pneumoniae (CLSI meningitis):</u>
  - $\circ$  Isolate tests penicillin susceptible (MIC  ${\le}0.06~\mu\text{g/ml})$  and ceftriaxone susceptible (ETEST® TXL32 MIC  ${\le}0.5~\mu\text{g/ml})$
  - o Isolate tests penicillin resistant (MIC  $\geq$ 0.12 µg/ml) and ceftriaxone resistant (ETEST® TXL32  $\geq$  2 µg/ml)
- For isolates testing penicillin resistant (MIC  $\geq$ 0.12 µg/ml) and ceftriaxone susceptible (ETEST® TXL32 MIC  $\leq$ 0.5 µg/ml) or intermediate (ETEST® TXL32 <u>MIC=1 µg/ml</u>), the ceftriaxone MIC should be confirmed using an alternative MIC test method.

**Recommendations for users under EUCAST guidelines:** to inform the customer that there is a potential to obtain a false susceptible result instead of intermediate result for *Streptococcus* 



*pneumoniae* strains compared to the BMD reference method based on 2016 **EUCAST** guidelines for ETEST® TXL32 (FOAM and SPB packaging). Laboratories can continue to use ETEST® TXL32 for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* when applying the following the recommendations:

- Laboratories should verify the result by an alternative method for each *Streptococcus* pneumoniae isolate (meningitis and non-meningitis) with an **ETEST® TXL32** MIC  $\geq$ 0.5 µg/ml). This verification **is not needed** for isolates that are known to be fully susceptible to benzylpenicillin (MIC  $\leq$ 0.06 µg/ml) or that have an oxacillin zone diameter >8 mm.
- Please distribute this information to all appropriate personnel in your laboratory, retain a copy in your files, and forward this information to all parties that may use this product, including others to whom you may have transferred our product.
- Please work with your institution's risk management team to determine if retrospective analysis of results is required for your patients.
- Alternative methods of testing for Ceftriaxone and Streptococcus pneumonia are available, please contact bioMérieux for automated alternate methods.
- Contact your local bioMérieux representative for product compensation
- Complete and return the Acknowledgement Form in Attachment A by Fax to confirm receipt of this notice.

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| REF    | Product Name  | Lot#       |
|--------|---------------|------------|
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1002940880 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1003182290 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1003813700 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1003851130 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1003953490 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004239880 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004316460 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004527210 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004755930 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004828450 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004876850 |
| 507018 | TXL 32 (F) WW | 1004919010 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1002940890 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1003128150 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1003361950 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1003849820 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004041790 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004239890 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004395510 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004525370 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004756050 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004828430 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004876860 |
| 507058 | TXL 32 (F) US | 1004919030 |

# Table 1: Product with NO remaining shelf life (after reduction). QC testing required.



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□ I have followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in the Urgent Field Safety Notice.

Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the identified issue?  $\hfill \label{eq:stars}$  Yes or  $\hfill \hfill \hfill$ 

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