

DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 48 Hours

Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level Recall

Dear Healthcare Professional

M & A Pharmachem Limited

Paracetamol 500mg Tablets, 1 x 1000

PL 04077/0001

Brief description of the problem

M & A Pharmachem is recalling all unexpired batches as a precautionary measure, because a small number of pots from some batches have been found to contain discoloured tablets due to fungal contamination. The fungus has been identified as *Penicillium citrinum*. It is unlikely that any affected tablets will have got to patient level as the discolouration is noticeable on opening affected packs.

Advice for healthcare professionals

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

Company contacts for further information

For stock enquiries, please contact Pauline Caddick, Responsible Person:
pcaddick@mapharmachem.co.uk

For medical Information enquiries, please contact Cristina Parau,
Pharmacovigilance Manager
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Recipients should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter.

RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

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TO ALL CHEMISTS, DOCTORS ON THE LISTS

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