

Public Health Link

from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales

Distribution:	As Appendix 2
From:	Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Andrew Evans
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Reference:	CEM/CPhA/2019/35
Category:	Class 2: Action With 48 Hours
Title:	Class 3 Drug Alert, Action Within 5 Days, Accord-Uk Ltd, Folic Acid Tablets Bp 5mg
For Action by:	<p>Dispensing General Practitioners – Ensure all working in your dispensary see this alert and a copy is held on your locum file – Action as below.</p> <p>Community Pharmacies – Action as below</p> <p>Hospital pharmacies – Action as below.</p> <p>Chief Pharmacists - Action as below.</p>
For Information:	See Annex 2 – Distribution List
What is this about:	Full details are set out below.
Why has it been sent:	For your information, action and to pass on to colleagues.

Issue:

Accord-UK Ltd has informed of an issue related to decommissioning of a specific batch. Upon decommissioning at the pharmacy, there have been reports stating that when scanning the serialised 2D code, the status of the packs may report as 'EXPORT.' Although there is no risk to product quality, any remaining stock should be quarantined and returned.

Full details of the drug alert are included in the attached PDF file. Please forward to listed recipients. This information is also published on the MHRA website <https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts>.

Appendix 1

- To: Chief Executives of Health Boards and NHS Trusts
- To: Medical Directors of Health Boards
- To: Nurse Directors Health Boards
- To: Directors of Public Health
- To: Hospital Principals and Chief Pharmacists to action as per alert

To: **NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership to forward to:**

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Community Pharmacies

Deputising services

HB Prescribing Advisers

Independent/Private clinics and Hospitals and Hospices throughout Wales



DRUG ALERT

CLASS 3 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 5 Days
Pharmacy, Wholesale Level Recall

Date: 18 November 2019

EL (19)A/35

Our Ref: MDR 043-11/19

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Accord-UK Ltd

Folic Acid Tablets BP 5mg

PL 0142/5522

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
HU57	January 2021	28	26 March 2019

Brief description of the problem

Accord-UK Ltd has informed us of an issue related to decommissioning of the above batch. Upon decommissioning at the pharmacy, there have been reports stating that when scanning the serialised 2D code, the status of packs may report as 'EXPORT.' Although there is no risk to product quality, any remaining stock should be quarantined and returned.

Advice for Healthcare Professionals and Wholesalers

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

Company contacts for further information

For stock control enquiries please contact Accord-UK Ltd Customer Services Team on 0800 373573.

For medical information enquiries please contact Accord-UK Ltd Medical Information Department on 01271 385257.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. NHS regional teams are asked to forward this to community pharmacists and dispensing general practitioners for information.

Yours faithfully

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