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FOR ATTENTION: RESPONSIBLE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACISTS, PHARMACIST ASSISTANTS, AUTHORISED PRESCRIBERS, FACILITY MANAGERS

EXPIRY DATE OF COMIRNATY® VACCINE (MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE) FROM PFIZER-BIONTECH

The expiry date of these vaccine batches as found on page 2 of the NDoH circular, has been extended by 3 months for those vaccines stored at -70°C.

The shelf life at -20°C and 2-8°C storage remains 14 days and 31 days and does not change.

Sincerely

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DATE: 4/10/21



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HEADS OF PROVINCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
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COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAMME MANAGERS
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EXPIRY DATE OF COMIRNATY® VACCINE (MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE) FROM PFIZER-BIONTECH

The Comirnaty® vaccine (mRNA COVID-19 vaccine) from Pfizer-BioNTech, has been conditionally approved by SAHPRA in terms of Section 21 of the Medicines and Related Substances Act for the active immunisation to prevent Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Pfizer-BioNTech is conducting ongoing stability studies of the storage conditions of the Comirnaty® vaccine (mRNA COVID-19 vaccine). The latest storage stability data has been reviewed by SAHPRA and the storage conditions of all batches (mentioned below) has been extended from 6 months to 9 months when stored at intended long term storage conditions of -90°C and -60°C. The expiry date of vaccines with these batch numbers, in the table attached, which currently appear on the vial, outer container and shipper should therefore be extended by 3 months.

NOTE: The shelf life at -20°C storage (14 days) and 2-8°C storage (31 days) does not change, the expiry date should therefore still be updated as applicable, when the vaccines move through the supply chain.

DR N CRISP
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL: HEALTH
DATE: 01 October 2021

Shelf life extension of batches:

Batch number	Expiry Date	New Expiry Date
FA7812	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FC3558	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FD0927	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FC1426	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE2090	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE3064	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FC5029	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE9174	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE3430	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE7053	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
EY0581	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
EY0582	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG4421	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FD7220	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG8643	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG2975	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG7372	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FG7369	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FF5111	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FG7900	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FH0160	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FJ5782	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22