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## COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

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## FLU VACCINE HIT BY SHORTAGES

GP surgeries in England are continuing to experience delays in the delivery of influenza vaccines - weeks after the government downplayed fears of disruption to the country's flu programme amid a nationwide shortage of lorry drivers.

Some GPs have recently been forced to cancel vaccination appointments due to the delays, telling patients that the "situation is completely outside of our control".

Manufacturers have assured the government they have sufficient staff and fuel reserves to deliver the flu vaccines as planned, The Independent has been told, but some surgeries are still waiting to receive their supplies.

To read more:

<https://twnews.co.uk/gb-news/gp-flu-jabs-in-england-hit-by-vaccine-shortages-despite-government-claims-of-no-impact>

## COMMONLY DISPENSED MEDICINES

An investigation by the C&D has revealed the medicines that were most commonly dispensed as alternatives to drugs in short supply between October 2019 and April 2021. Pharmacists were first granted the ability to supply an alternative strength or form of a medicine suffering a shortage without contacting the patient's GP in October 2019. In the first 18 months since the serious shortage protocols Serious Shortage Protocols (SSP) came into force, a total of 34 SSPs were issued. Fluoxetine in 10mg, 30mg and 40mg strengths were the most common SSPs issued between October 2019 and April 2021.

To read more:

[https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/CD135422/Revealed-The-most-commonly-dispensed-medicines-under-SSPs-over-18-months?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_campaign=2021\\_10\\_25\\_CDDaily+-+20211021\\_121138+-+20211022\\_125206+-+20211025\\_130218&utm\\_term=FourthStory&utm\\_id=4158002&sfmc\\_id=141625995](https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/CD135422/Revealed-The-most-commonly-dispensed-medicines-under-SSPs-over-18-months?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sfmc&utm_campaign=2021_10_25_CDDaily+-+20211021_121138+-+20211022_125206+-+20211025_130218&utm_term=FourthStory&utm_id=4158002&sfmc_id=141625995)

## FDA WITHDRAWS ANDAS

Almost two years after proposing to withdraw nearly 250 abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) after their manufacturers repeatedly failed to submit the necessary annual reports, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it will withdraw 216 of those applications.

The withdrawals follow a notice of opportunity for hearing (NOOH) FDA published in January 2020 that listed 249 applications from 89 drugmakers with delinquent annual reports.

In the intervening months, FDA heard from several companies, including one that requested a hearing for 3 of its applications and 3 companies that submitted annual reports for 8 of their products after the notice was published.

To read more:

<https://www.raps.org/news-and-articles/news-articles/2021/10/fda-withdraws-more-than-200-andas-over-unsubmitted>

## FIRST MALARIA VACCINE

The world has gained a new weapon in the war on malaria, among the oldest known and deadliest of infectious diseases: the first vaccine shown to help prevent the disease. By one estimate, it will save tens of thousands of children each year. Malaria kills about 500,000 people each year, about half of them children in Africa.

The new vaccine isn't perfect, but it will help turn the tide, experts said. The World Health Organization on Wednesday endorsed the vaccine, the first step in a process that should lead to wide distribution in poor countries. To have a malaria vaccine that is safe, moderately effective and ready for distribution is "a historic event," said Dr. Pedro Alonso, director of the W.H.O.'s global malaria program.

To read more:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/06/health/malaria-vaccine-who.html>

## PROTECTIONIST POLICIES FOR MEDICINES EASE

Export bans on medicines have returned to pre-pandemic levels, even in countries that experienced high COVID-19 infection and mortality rates in 2021.

India has begun to relax its export bans and resumed exports of some COVID-19 vaccines sooner than planned. These exports reverse India's policy since April 2021 of refusing to export COVID-19 vaccines so that the country can vaccinate its domestic population, which is being badly affected by the Delta variant (India's Second Wave Causing Severe Global COVID Vaccine Supply Chain).

Protectionist policies made it difficult for some countries during the height of the pandemic to treat and contain the spread of infection as medicines and personal protective equipment (PPE) were more difficult to procure. Governments imposed at least 47 export bans on pharmaceutical products during 2020 and at least six in 2019, according to the Global Trade Alerts.

To read more:

<https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/comment/protectionist-policies-for-medicines-ease-2020/>

## UNINTERRUPTED SECURITY OF SUPPLY OF MEDICINES TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Unveiling its "bespoke arrangements" on Wednesday (October 13), the European Commission published four proposals to tackle trade disruption between Great Britain and Northern Ireland following Brexit.

Its fourth proposal, which looks at the long-term supply of medicines from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, would allow pharmaceutical companies in Great Britain "to keep all their regulatory functions where they are currently located" when supplying the Northern Irish market.

The European Commission's new proposal would enable Great Britain to continue acting as a hub for the supply of generic medicines to Northern Ireland from January 2022, even though it is now not a member of the EU.

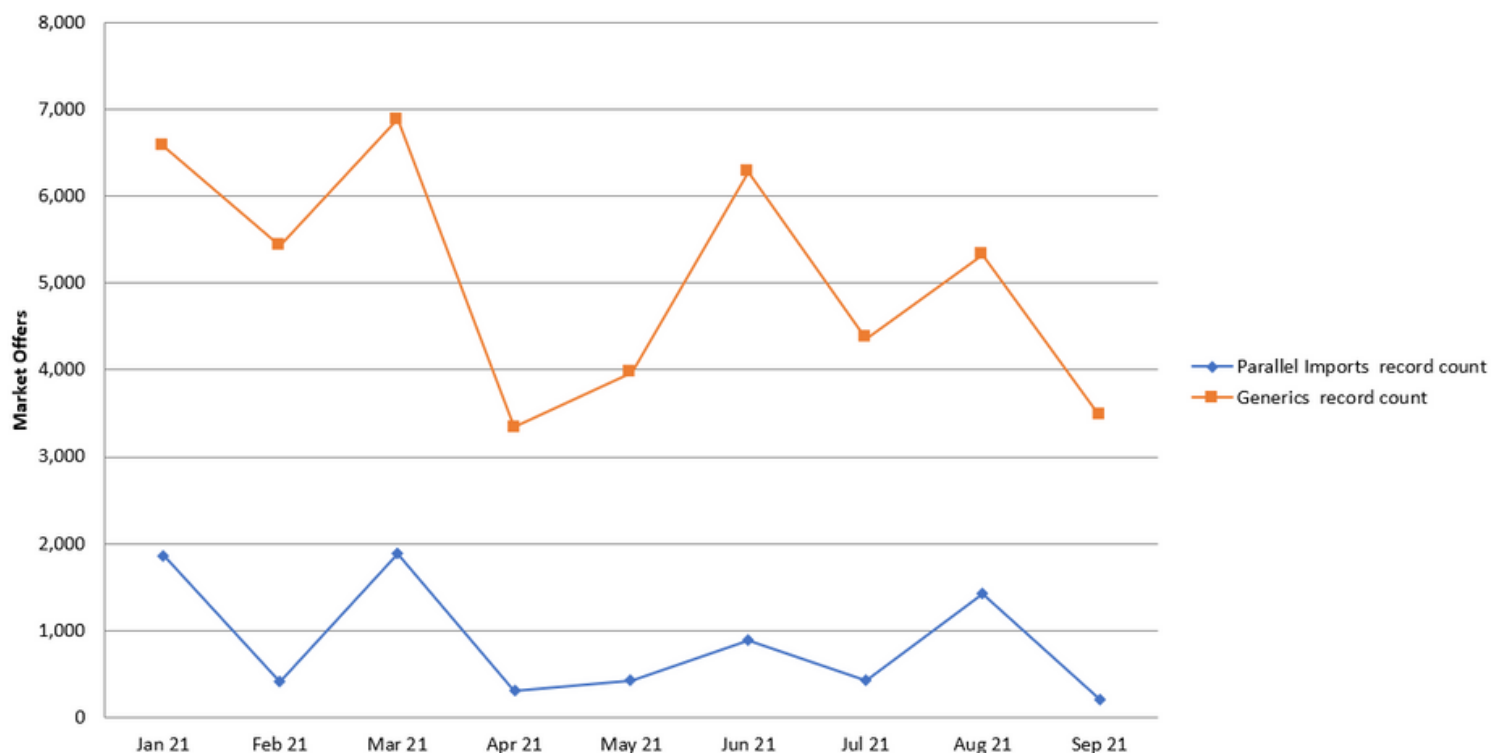
To read more:

<https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/CD135652/EU-proposes-uninterrupted-security-of-supply-of-medicines-in-new-post-Brexit-offer>

# NORTHERN IRISH MEDICAL PRODUCT SUPPLY

In the absence of any acceptable UK EU deal on the supply of medical products to Northern Ireland, the number of price list offers for both generics and parallel imports, as measured by Wavedata, are continuing to decline rapidly. In September 2021 wholesalers and manufacturers made just 213 offers for parallel imports to Northern Irish pharmacies, and 3474 offers for generics. This is just 11% (PIs) and 53% (generics) of the numbers of offers made in Jan 2021.

**Northern Irish Market Price List Offers for Parallel Imports and Generics**



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## MEDICINES ARE HIT BY UK'S DELIVERY PROBLEMS

The government has been told that it must have contingency plans in place to secure medicine deliveries in case of a major deterioration in the delivery driver crisis in the months ahead.

A pharmacy industry body has warned of delivery delays for medicines in some parts of the country but says it is managing the supply situation to ensure no disruption to patients and customers.

The Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIMp) which represents the interests of more than 3,000 pharmacies, called on the government to ensure a robust contingency plan was in place to prevent any deterioration in the supply chain disruption.

To read more:

<https://news.sky.com/story/pharmacies-managing-stocks-as-medicines-are-hit-by-uks-delivery-woes-12425844>

## NEW ANTIVIRALS TO HELP COVID

New antivirals could be rolled out through a clinical study from winter to help with Covid-19. Thousands of vulnerable patients could be taking ground-breaking COVID-19 antivirals this winter after the government announced deals to secure 2 new treatments. The antivirals will speed up recovery time for COVID-19 patients. The deals made by the Antivirals Taskforce are a significant step in its ambition to secure at least 2 new effective treatments by the end of the year for those who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with the virus.

To read more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-secures-groundbreaking-covid-19-antivirals>

## IS MIX AND MATCH APPROACH EFFECTIVE FOR COVID-19 BOOSTERS?

A highly anticipated study of “mixing and matching” Covid-19 vaccines found the approach to be safe and effective. “Mixing and matching” refers to giving a booster dose of a vaccine different from the vaccine type that was used for the initial vaccination series. Initial findings released ahead of an FDA advisory committee meeting exploring the issue, suggest that an extra shot of the Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech jab induces greater immunity than another dose of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

To read more:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/mix-match-covid-vaccine-boosters-are-effective-nih-study-finds-rcna2974>

## SINGLE-DOSE BOOSTER SHOT FOR COVID-19 AND FLU

US drugmaker Moderna have said they will be developing a single vaccine that combines a booster dose against Covid-19 with its experimental flu shot. The company are also working on a vaccine for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory diseases as an annual shot. Moderna's Chief Executive Officer Stéphane Bancel has said that he believes this is a very large opportunity that is ahead of them, if we could bring to market a high efficacy pan-respiratory annual booster. The company is conducting clinical trials for an RSV vaccine in older adults.

To read more:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/moderna-developing-single-dose-booster-shot-covid-flu-n1278799>

## PRICE WATCH UK...

### INDORAMIN INCREASE TOPS UK RISES IN SEPTEMBER

Benign prostatic hyperplasia treatment indoramin topped the UK's steepest generic price rises in September with an average price that more than trebled, according to the latest figures from WaveData.

An average price increase of 213% to £36.04 (\$49.05) led benign prostatic hyperplasia treatment indoramin's 20mg tablet presentation to top the UK's steepest price rises for generic medicines in September, according to the latest figures from market researcher WaveData.

Based on prices to UK independent pharmacists, WaveData calculated that the average offer for the product had more than trebled despite the cheapest offer in the market rising by just 2% to £8.79 for a 60-tablet pack.

To see more go to <https://generics.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/> and view our article from this month's Generics Bulletin.

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# WAVEDATA — TOP TEN SEARCHED PRODUCTS - WHERE THE FOCUS WAS TO OCTOBER 2021

According to WaveData, these were the most commonly investigated products in searches of the online pricing data Wavedata Live accessed through [www.wavedata.co.uk/login](http://www.wavedata.co.uk/login).

Both UK and PI prices were viewed for each product, giving some indication of where the focus was to October 2021. WaveData prices in the top 20 articles are averages.

Product	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28	£1.14	£0.99	£0.94	£0.73
Sertraline Tabs 100mg 28	£1.38	£1.17	£1.13	£0.83
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.60	£0.56	£0.57	£0.56
Eplerenone Tabs 25mg 28	£12.45	£11.05	£9.87	£8.76
Lercanidipine Tabs 10mg 28	£6.84	£5.65	£4.48	£3.40
Metformin Tabs 500mg 28	£0.32	£0.29	£0.29	£0.30
Atorvastatin Tabs 40mg 28	£0.69	£0.67	£0.63	£0.63
Perindopril Tabs 8mg 30	£2.45	£2.61	£2.92	£1.96
Omeprazole Caps 20mg 28	£0.45	£0.40	£0.44	£0.44
Levothyroxine Tabs 25mcg 28	£0.58	£0.52	£0.50	£0.47

This bulletin now goes out to 5000 plus people.

If you would like to add or suggest any articles/comments, please let me know by the 23rd November 2021, as I will be issuing the next bulletin on the 30th November 2021.

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# FUTURE EVENTS

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
WHF policy conference - priorities for clinical research in the UK - discussion relevant to pharma	2nd Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Clinical-Research-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Clinical-Research-21</a>
Robotics & Automation Exhibition	2nd - 3rd Nov 21	Coventry	<a href="https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=RobB1Visitor">https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=RobB1Visitor</a>
NHS Health Research Authority 'Make it Public'	3rd - 4th Nov 21	Online	harriet.summerhayes (a/t) hra.nhs.uk
WHF policy conference - Priorities for women's health - the gender health gap, COVID-19 recovery, women's only health concerns, and research	4th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Womens-Health">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Womens-Health</a>
HDA Annual Conference	4th Nov 21	London	<a href="mailto:secretariat(a/t)hdauk.co.uk">secretariat(a/t)hdauk.co.uk</a>
WHF policy conference - Next steps for integrated care - discussion relevant to pharma	8th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Integrated-Care-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Integrated-Care-21</a>
Supply Chain Excellence Awards 2021	8th Nov 21	London	<a href="https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=SCEB1Dinner">https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=SCEB1Dinner</a>
Future Surgery 2021	9th - 10th Nov 21	London	<a href="https://www.futuresurgeryshow.com/conferenceprogramme">https://www.futuresurgeryshow.com/conferenceprogramme</a>
WHF policy conference - Recovering NHS waiting times - funding priorities, addressing variation, and driving efficiency in service delivery	10th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/NHS-Waiting-Times">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/NHS-Waiting-Times</a>
Intelligent Bioprocessing Summit "ATMP Manufacturing & Bioanalytics"	11th - 12th Nov 21	Amsterdam	<a href="https://key-notion.com/global-bioprocessing-summit/">https://key-notion.com/global-bioprocessing-summit/</a>
HDA Annual Conference	14th Nov 21	London	<a href="https://hdauk.com/">https://hdauk.com/</a>
Roboleo - Health Economics for the Non Health Economist	16th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://mcusercontent.com/440612f6fe24f0dac190dac6a/files/1e5ef1c8-ce95-1777-e6b6-396cffc8f6ba/Roboleo_Digital_Flyer_2021_FINAL_VERSION.pdf">https://mcusercontent.com/440612f6fe24f0dac190dac6a/files/1e5ef1c8-ce95-1777-e6b6-396cffc8f6ba/Roboleo_Digital_Flyer_2021_FINAL_VERSION.pdf</a>
Cannabis Business Asia 2021	16th - 17th Nov 21	Thailand	<a href="https://www.worldclassbusinessleaders.com/events/cb21as">https://www.worldclassbusinessleaders.com/events/cb21as</a>
UK Life Sciences Opportunities in a Changed World	17th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://vwyplus.co.uk/events/ping-conference-2021/">https://vwyplus.co.uk/events/ping-conference-2021/</a>
AWMSG Open day	18th Nov 21	Online	<a href="https://awmsg.nhs.wales/meetings-and-events/events/awmsg-open-days/">https://awmsg.nhs.wales/meetings-and-events/events/awmsg-open-days/</a>
WHF policy conference - Tackling antimicrobial resistance in the UK, & the UK's role on the global stage - discussion relevant to pharmacy	1st Dec 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Antimicrobial-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Antimicrobial-21</a>
WHF policy conference - Priorities for general practice and recovery from COVID-19	1st Dec 21	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/General-Practice-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/General-Practice-21</a>
PFfNI policy conference - Priorities for health & social care in NI - discussion relevant to pharma	10th Jan 22	Online	<a href="https://www.policyforumforni.co.uk/book/Health-and-Care-NI-22">https://www.policyforumforni.co.uk/book/Health-and-Care-NI-22</a>
WHF policy conference - Next steps for supporting the health workforce & delivering the NHS People Plan	12th Jan 22	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Health-Workforce-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Health-Workforce-21</a>
Next steps for vaccine research, development, and rollout	21-Feb-22	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Vaccine-Research">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Vaccine-Research</a>
OTC <b>Toolbox</b> 2022 Consumer Healthcare BD&I Event	21st - 25th Feb 22	Online	<a href="https://www.otctoolbox.com/events/otc/the-otctoolbox-2022-consumer-healthcare-bdi-event">https://www.otctoolbox.com/events/otc/the-otctoolbox-2022-consumer-healthcare-bdi-event</a>
Next steps for improving patient safety in the NHS - discussion relevant to pharma	22nd Feb 22	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Patient-Safety-21">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Patient-Safety-21</a>
Priorities for diagnostics and medical technology	1st Mar 22	Online	<a href="https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Diagnostics-22">https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Diagnostics-22</a>
AAC Industry Engagement Event	1st & 3rd Mar 22	Online	<a href="http://www.emig.org.uk">www.emig.org.uk</a>
The 3rd Int'l Congress on Controversies on Cannabis-Based Medicines	12th - 13th May 22	Denmark	<a href="https://med-cannabis2022.com/registration/">https://med-cannabis2022.com/registration/</a>
Cannabis Business Europe 2022	21st - 22nd June 22	Germany	<a href="https://www.worldclassbusinessleaders.com/events/CBE22">https://www.worldclassbusinessleaders.com/events/CBE22</a>