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Drug Alert

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS

Date: 17th January 2006

Our Ref: MDR 2-1/06

Dear Managing Pharmacist

Clinipharm Co Ltd c/o Merz Pharma GmbH

LipoMerz Retard (Etofibrate 500mg) capsules

PMA 025/00301

Batch Number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
503041	02/2008	30 capsules	August 2005

The Inspectorate and Enforcement Directorate within the Medicines Authority were informed of a Medicinal Product Defect dated 16th January 2006 by Clinipharm Co Ltd. The reason for the defect is that the slow release pellet granules in the transparent capsule disintegrated.

The wholesale dealer Clinipharm Co Ltd, responsible for this product has decided to voluntarily recall the only affected batch in Malta i.e. batch 503041. The recall is being carried out under the supervision of the Medicines Authority and is up to pharmacy level. The affected stocks will be replaced immediately with a new batch.

Thanks and regards

Eloise Buontempo
Medicines Inspector