



Malta, 8 April 2005
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Dear Healthcare Professional,

Re: Suspension of Bextra® (valdecoxib) as an interim measure

Following the recent agreement between Pfizer and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) regarding the suspension of the use of Bextra® (valdecoxib) in Europe as an interim measure pending finalisation of the ongoing class review of COX-2 Inhibitors, the Medicines Authority would like to inform prescribers that the advice provided for Bextra® in the attached **press release** issued by the EMA is appropriate, and that further information will be provided as it becomes available.