

## HMA WGEO – Rapid Alert Form

Counterfeit or illegal product found in the illegal supply chain

Reference: Importation of GS 441 524		
Date: 12/07/2021	Time:	Initials:
Please complete sections 1 to 5 providing as much information as possible.		
<b>1. REPORTING PERSON</b>		
Name:	Position:	
Organisation:		
Address:		
Telephone No:	Ext: -	
e-mail address:		
<b>2. PRODUCT DETAILS</b>		
Product name: unknown		
Manufacturer: unknown		
Supplier: Unknown		
Legal status: Banned <input type="checkbox"/> Counterfeit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dosage form: (Blank) vials		
Strength: unknown		
Batch / lot no: Is batch number genuine: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable		
If yes to the above, advise batch destination country:		
Expiry date:		
Language of packaging:		
Date of discovery:		
Details of discovery:		
Analysed: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, result of analysis: All vials contain GS 441 524		

### 3. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Internet: YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Internet:	Non internet,

URL:	advise full details:
Website address:	
Currency of payment: unknown	
Has product reached patients/consumers?	
<b>4. RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	
Adverse reactions: YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please advise details:	
Medical assessment details: /	
<b>5. NEED FOR PUBLICITY</b>	
Are you making a public statement? YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are you issuing a press release? YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are you recalling product? YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes to any of the above, when do you intend to take action?	
<b>6. DISSEMINATION</b>	
Are you content for this Rapid Alert to be shared outside WGEO membership? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> (please see below)	
If yes, please specify which of the below you are content for this to be shared with (you may tick more than 1 box) Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry Security <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify _____	
<b>7. PHOTOGRAPH</b>	
See information on the next page.	

Between 09/20 and 04/21 more than 60 packages (destination AT, DE, FR, IT, NL, PL, CZ and BE) containing unidentifiable (blank) vials filled with a transparent liquid were intercepted at Belgian customs (and imports have not stopped):



We found/find 4 different types of vials:

- Transparent glass vial topped with a silver aluminium/ fluo yellow-green flip-off, not graduated
- Transparent glass vial topped with a golden aluminium/ transparent flip-off, not graduated
- Brown glass vial topped with a silver aluminium/ blue flip-off, graduated 5 mL
- Transparent glass vial topped with a silver aluminium/ white flip-off, not graduated

The contents of these different looking blank vials were analyzed by the accredited Belgian laboratory Sciensano and they are found to contain all **GS 441 524** as active ingredient.

GS-441524 is an experimental antiviral drug developed by Gilead Sciences. GS-441524 was tested against **feline infectious peritonitis (FIP)** in cell culture and found to be an effective treatment for FIP, a deadly **coronavirus disease** that affects domestic cats. This active substance is widely used despite the lack of official FDA (or European) approval.

Since the outbreak of the corona pandemic, we have seen frequent imports (from **China or Hong Kong**) of GS 441 524-containing vials by European consumers. We assume that many people think GS 441 524 might be a miracle cure against Covid 19.

All intercepted packages were found to be sent by 1 of the following 3 expeditors:

- Guoyi Logistics Ltd, n°6, 6/F Block 2 Golden Ind Bldg 16-26 Kwai Tak Street, Kwai Chun - Hong Kong
- Zhejiang Kailonghua Chem, n°37 Jin Yi Road Xiaoshan, 029999 EMS-Ningbo – China
- Zebang Supply Chain Management Co. Ltd., n° 129 Xinye Street, Xiacheng district, Hangzhou – China

In the accompanying documents we found 4 different ways in which these products are declared:

- 'Guanidine HCl'
- 'Pet supplies'
- 'Glass Bottles'
- 'Surfactant'

**Do you observe the same in your country? Do you have (more) information about these vials, their manufacturer(s), their expeditors, their recipients?**