WGEO ALERT

Counterfeit or illegal product found in the illegal supply chain

1. REPORTING PERSON

2. PRODUCT DETAILS

Product name: Botulinum Toxin Type A - Botox

Manufacturer: Allergan

Supplier: The commercial invoice refers to "Munger eCommerce Co. Ltd.., Shanghai, China"

Legal Status: Counterfeit

Dosage form: Injectable vial (freeze dried powder)

Strenght: 100 Units.

<u>Batch / lot no</u>: **C3709C3.** Not specified if genuine or not: as for the Allergan statement, there are a mix up of elements from Chinese and Turkish packages/references and many other differences from the original package (such as labelling, cap, case and the general aspect).

Expiry date: 7/2023

Language of packaging: Chinese/Turkish/English

Date of discovery: October 2021

<u>Details of discovery</u>: During a customs inspection to small parcels, a box shipped by a Chinese exporter containing 30 packages of BOTOX-100 units (Allergan) was found: the consignee was the owner of a Chinese beauty centre located in Rome. After a search, other 42 vials were found at the mentioned Chinese beauty centre.

3. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Internet: unknown.

Has product reached patients/consumers?

Yes. Others vials were found, during a following search, stored at a Chinese Beauty Centre in Rome, ready for use.

4. RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

Fake Botox injections can be completely ineffective at best and can cause facial paralysis and botulism poisoning at worst. Other common side effects of fake Botox may include lumps and bruising near the injection site, facial droopiness and infection.

5. NEED FOR PUBLICITY

No public statement made. No press release issued. The product has not been recalled.

6. PHOTOGRAPH

Please find below pictures of the product.





















