

HMA WGEO – Rapid Alert Form

Counterfeit or illegal product found in the illegal supply chain

Reference: Falsified Cefixime 400 mg tablets

14/09/2022

Time:

Initials:

Please complete sections 1 to 5 providing as much information as possible.

1. REPORTING PERSON

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone No:

Ext: -

e-mail address:

2. PRODUCT DETAILS

Product name: Cefixime 400 mg – 1136 ED 25 F4

Manufacturer: *according to the packaging*

Made in BELGIUM

Laboratoires STEROP

Avenue de Scheut 4650

B- 1070 BRUSSELS

Supplier: unknown

Legal status: Banned ☐ Counterfeit ☐ Unlicensed ☒ Stolen ☐

Dosage form: 100 tablets

Strength: 400 mg cefixime/tablet

Batch / lot no: E.T1407101

Is batch number genuine: Yes ☐ No ☒ not applicable ☐

If yes to the above, advise batch destination country:

Expiry date: 06/2024

Language of packaging: English and French

Date of discovery: 09/2022

Details of discovery:

On September 5th 2022 our agency received an email from the Belgian pharmaceutical company Sterop Laboratoires N.V. to inform us that they had

received a notification from a Congolese agency that the product 'Cefixime 400 mg, 100 tablets' - which is allegedly produced by the company Sterop Laboratories N.V. – was found on the local market in Bukavu. The company Sterop Laboratories N.V. formally states that they do not manufacture medicines with cefixime as an active ingredient and that their name is therefore used illegally.

Did you already find this medicine on your market? Has your agency already received notifications regarding this medicine?

Analysed: YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, result of analysis:

3. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Internet: YES ☐ / NO ☐ unknown

Internet:

URL:

Website address:

Non internet,

advise full details:

Currency of payment:

Has product reached patients/consumers?

4. RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Adverse reactions: YES ☐ / NO ☐ Adverse reactions are possible since the product is a non registered medicine

If yes, please advise details: i.e. allergic reactions

Medical assessment details: /

5. NEED FOR PUBLICITY

Are you making a public statement? YES ☐ / NO ☒

Are you issuing a press release? YES ☐ / NO ☒

Are you recalling product? YES ☐ / NO ☒

If yes to any of the above, when do you intend to take action?

6. DISSEMINATION

Are you content for this Rapid Alert to be shared outside WGEO membership?

YES ☒ / NO ☐ (please see below)

