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EXPIRY DATE OF COMIRNATY® VACCINE (MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE) FROM PFIZER-BIONTECH – 3-MONTH EXTENSION ON SHELF LIFE WHEN STORED BETWEEN -90°C AND -60°C

The previous circulars related to this topic refer, indicating that the latest storage stability data reviewed by SAHPRA and the storage conditions of all batches of Comirnaty® Vaccine were previously extended from 9 to 12 months when stored at ultra-cold chain storage temperatures of between -90°C and -60°C.

The manufacturer submitted new stability data to SAHPRA for review and approval. Based on the data available, SAHPRA has approved a further 3-month extension of the shelf-life for all vaccines when stored between -90°C and -60°C, resulting in a total shelf life of 15 months from the date of manufacture. This shelf-life extension applies to all Pfizer batches listed in the attached table. The extension does not apply if the vaccine doses have already been moved to -20°C and 2-8°C storage.

The table attached indicates the printed expiry date on the vials and vaccine trays and the new expiry date following this extension.

NOTE: The shelf life at -20°C storage (14 days) and 2-8°C storage (31 days) does not change; the expiry date should, therefore, still be updated as applicable when the vaccines move through the supply chain.

NOTE: This circular supersedes the one dated 12 May 2022.

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DATE: 16 September 2022

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Batch number	Printed Expiry Date	New Expiry Date
1F1028A	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
1F1035A	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
1F1043A	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
1F1044A	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
FF5111	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FG7369	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FG7372	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FG7900	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FH0160	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FJ5782	31-Dec-21	30 September 2022
FK0112	31-Jan-22	31 October 2022
FK0115	31-Jan-22	31 October 2022
FK0738	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
FK1754	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
FK8911	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
FM7785	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
FM9282	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
FP9604	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
PCA0033	28-Feb-22	30 November 2022
PCA0034	28-Feb-22	30 November 2022
PCA0036	31-May-22	30 November 2022
PCA0038	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
PCA0046	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
PCA0052	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
PCA0053	30-Jun-22	31 December 2022
PCA0059	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023
PCA0063	31-Jul-22	31 January 2023

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