

HMA WGEO – Rapid Alert Form

Counterfeit or illegal product found in the illegal supply chain

Reference:		
Date: 12.06.2017	Time: 11:45	Initials: MW
Please complete sections 1 to 5 providing as much information as possible.		
1. REPORTING PERSON		
Name:	Position:	
Organisation:		
Pfalz, Dienstleistung		
Address:		
Telephone No:	Ext:	
e-mail address:		
2. PRODUCT DETAILS		
Product name: Ametis Plus		
Manufacturer:		
Supplier:		
Legal status: Banned <input type="checkbox"/> Counterfeit <input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dosage form: capsules		
Strength:		
Batch / lot no: Is batch number genuine: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes to the above, advise batch destination country:		
Expiry date: 25/01/19 and 29/03/19		
Language of packaging: English, Thai		
Date of discovery: 06/06/2017		
Details of discovery: Within the scope of a customs check in May 2017 concerning a delivery coming from Thailand 8 packages Ametis Plus (each with 30 Capsules) were found. According to the labelling the product contains 13 different ingredients mostly of herbal nature. A chemical analysis at the Official Medicines Control Laboratory at Mainz found Sibutramine in the capsules. The API is not mentioned on the label.		
Analysed: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, result of analysis: The packages showed two different expiry dates, therefore for each expiry date an analysis by HPLC /UV-VIS of the concerning Ametis Plus capsules was conducted. The capsules with		

expiry in March 2019 contained an average of 32.4 MG Sibutramine in each capsule. Capsules with expiry in March 2019 showed an average content of 20.9 MG Sibutramine in each capsule.

3. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Internet: YES ☒ / NO ☐

Internet:

URL:

Website address:

Other details:

Currency of payment:

Has product reached patients/consumers? Unknown

4. RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Adverse reactions: YES ☒ / NO ☐ (not observed, but possible)

If yes, please advise details: Because of the high dose of Sibutramine found in the capsules (which is higher than the doses in the once marketed medicinal product) adverse effects are possible. In 2010 the European Commission informed that marketing authorisations for medicines containing Sibutramine should be suspended throughout Europe because CHMP concluded that the benefits of Sibutramine do not outweigh its risks.

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)

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 ☒ Industry Security ☐ Trade Associations ☐

Traders ☐ Other ☐ Please specify

7. PHOTOGRAPH

If possible, please attach a photograph of the product. See attachment

