

HMA WGEO – Rapid Alert Form

Counterfeit or illegal product found in the illegal supply chain

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Reference: No:		
Date:	Time:	Initials:
Please complete sections 1 to 5 providing as much information as possible.		
1. REPORTING PERSON		
Name:	Position:	
Organisation:		
Address:		
Telephone No:		
e-mail address:		
2. PRODUCT DETAILS		
PERCOCET 10/325		
Manufacturer: Endo International plc		
Supplier: Not known		
Legal status: Banned <input type="checkbox"/> Counterfeit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dosage form: tablets		
Strength: See details of discovery		
Batch / lot no: Not known Is batch number genuine: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes to the above, advise batch destination country: UK		
Expiry date: Not known		
Language of packaging: NO packaging discovered		
Date of discovery: 27 November 2018		
Details of the discovery: On 27/11/2018 Metropolitan police officers conducted a search at a residence in HOUNSLOW following the arrest of a male for the possession of controlled drugs with the intent to supply. Two other individuals were arrested, another male and also a female who was apparently a pharmaceutical student.		

A search of the address found 3,537 orange coloured tablets inscribed with the word Percocet 10/325

Percocet is combination oxycodone/paracetamol, opioid/non-opioid pain reliever used to treat moderate to severe acute pain.

It is NOT LICENSED in the UK. It is however approved for use in the USA.

The tablets found by the police were loose, inside a clear plastic bag and stored inside a shoebox with no other packaging.

There was no packaging for the tablets and therefore no batch numbers could be ascribed. The source of the tablets has not been determined.

The tablets were seized and later sent for testing.

Information from the police suggests that lab testing revealed that the tablets contained only FENTANYL and no other active ingredient.

Information from the police suggests that the lab reported that “the Fentanyl content is 50 times stronger” – presumably than licensed prescription Fentanyl.

Open source research suggests multiple incidents in the United States - of falsified Percocet found to containing FENTANYL and resulting in the deaths.

The police also seized large amount of cannabis, cocaine, and cash.

MHRA intelligence research has not found any information on our systems pertaining to the arrested individuals or the address.

MHRA has no intelligence at present to suggest that there have been previous incidents of falsified PERCOCET in the UK.

This matter is currently under investigation by the Metropolitan Police as an issue pertaining to the possession and supply of a Class A Controlled drug.

Analysed: YES ☒ NO ☒

If yes, result of analysis: Product does not contain the declared ingredients. Found to contain FENTANYL.

3. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Internet: YES ☐ / NO ☐

Internet: -

URL: -

Website address: -

Other details: -

No intelligence at present to indicate this incident is linked to online sale/supply

Currency of payment: -

Has product reached patients/consumers? **NOT KNOWN**

4. RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Adverse reactions: YES ☐ / NO ☒

No Information at present of Adverse reaction linked to this incident.

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 ☒

Public alerts issued by UK drug treatment / outreach organisations advising drug users not to take these tablets.

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



