



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada

Deputy Minister Sous-ministre

Ottawa Canada
K1A 0K9

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

March 7, 2022

Patrick Williams, Clerk
Standing Committee on Health
Sixth Floor, 131, Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am writing to respond to the motion of the Committee on November 22, regarding the shortages of pediatric analgesics.

Specifically, on November 22, 2022, the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) adopted the following motion:

That for the next six months Health Canada table with the committee every 14 days the number of infant and children's analgesic units that arrived in Canada through exceptional importations that month; and, that this information be provided in both official languages, and the clerk post this information on the committee's website immediately.

Please find attached the Department's response to the order of the Committee. The next report will be provided to the Committee on March 21, 2023.

We are available, as always, to address the Committee's questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Lucas
Deputy Minister of Health

Children's Analgesics

As of March 7, 2,854,344 units of children's pain and fever medications were imported into Canada for hospitals, community pharmacies, and retail outlets. This is an additional 278, 414 units imported during the period of February 22 and March 7.

This will continue to supplement the increased domestic production of Canadian supply, which remains at record levels.

Products listed below include both acetaminophen and ibuprofen containing products that Health Canada has authorized to be imported to alleviate the shortage.

List of products eligible for importation

| Brand name | Strength | Manufacturer | Date of authorization | Country of authorization | Availability |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Children's Advil Suspension Bubble gum 4oz (120mL) | 100 mg/5 mL | Haleon | October 17, 2022 | United States | Hospitals & Retail |
| 2. Children's Advil Suspension Dye Free Blue Raspberry 4oz (120mL) | 100 mg/5 mL | Haleon | October 17, 2022 | United States | Hospitals |
| 3. Tylenol for Babies 1 Month – 2 years 200mL | 24 mg/mL | Johnson & Johnson Inc. | October 20, 2022 | Australia | Hospitals |
| 4. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz (120 mL) Grape | 160 mg/5 mL | Johnson & Johnson Inc. | November 10, 2022 | United States | Retail |
| 5. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz. (120 mL) Dye Free Cherry | 160 mg/5 mL | Johnson & Johnson Inc. | November 10, 2022 | United States | Retail |
| 6. Children's Advil Suspension Bubble gum 4 oz (120mL) | 100 mg/5 mL | Haleon | November 30, 2022 | United States | Retail & Hospital |
| 7. Genexa Kids' Pain & Fever | 160mg/5 mL | Genexa | December 7, 2022 | United States | Retail |
| 8. Infants' Advil Concentrated Drops | 50mg/1.2 5mL | Haleon | December 8, 2022 | United States | Retail & Hospital |
| 9. Parol (Paracetamol) Suspension for children 2 – 11 years (150mL) | 24mg/mL | Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. | December 30, 2022 | Turkey | Hospitals in Alberta |
| 10. Parol (Paracetamol) Suspension for children 2 – 11 years (150mL) | 24mg/mL | Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. | January 26, 2023 | Turkey | Pharmacies in Alberta |
| 11. Pedifen (Ibuprofen) Pediatric Syrup | 20 mg/mL | Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. | February 10, 2023 | Turkey | Retail & hospitals (Alberta only) |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| for children 2 – 11 years (100 mL) | | | | | |
| 12. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz (120 mL) Dye Free Cherry | 160 mg/5 mL | Johnson & Johnson Inc. | February 14, 2023 | United States | Retail & Hospital |