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December 13, 2022

Patrick Williams, Clerk
Standing Committee on Health
Sixth Floor, 131, Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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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. In keeping with the schedule outlined in the Motion, the next report is due to the Committee on December 27, 2022. Given that this day is a statutory holiday, the Department's next report will be provided on the following day, December 28, 2022. The normal reporting schedule will resume on January 10, 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 December 13, 1,256,030 units of children's pain and fever medications were imported into Canada for hospitals, community pharmacies, and retail outlets. This is an additional 96,030 units imported during the period of November 30 and December 13.

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. Three products have been added to the list since the last report.

List of products eligible for importation

Brand name	Strength	Manufacturer	Date of authorization	Country of authorization	Availability
Children's Advil Suspension Bubblegum 4oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	October 17, 2022	United States	Hospitals
Children's Advil Suspension Dye Free Blue Raspberry 4oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	October 17, 2022	United States	Hospitals
Tylenol for Babies 1 Month – 2 years 200mL	24 mg/mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	October 20, 2022	Australia	Hospitals
Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz (120 mL) Grape	160 mg/5 mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	November 10, 2022	United States	Retail
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
Children's Advil Suspension Bubblegum 4 oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	November 30, 2022	United States	Retail
Genexa Kids' Pain & Fever	160mg/5mL	Genexa	December 7, 2022	United States	Retail
Infants' Advil Concentrated Drops	50mg/1.25mL	Haleon	December 8, 2022	United States	Retail & Hospital