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DRUG SAFETY NOTIFICATION

DATE: June 24, 2020

PRODUCT: Hand Sanitizer

SAFETY TOPIC: The FDA advises not to use hand sanitizer products manufactured by Eskbiochem

Dear provider of pharmaceutical services,

PharmPix is committed to the health and wellness of our members. The clinical team wants to communicate you with the latest up-to-date information on drug safety. It is for this reason that we are notifying you that on June 24, 2020 the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a safety communication for advising not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol (wood alcohol), a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested.

Products are manufactured by Eskbiochem identified by the FDA

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

On June 17, 2020, the FDA contacted Eskbiochem to recommend the company remove its hand sanitizer products from the market due to the risks associated with methanol poisoning. However, to

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date, the company has not taken action to remove these potentially dangerous products from the market.

Recommendations for healthcare professionals:

- Advise patients regarding this issue.
    - The FDA recommends consumers stop using these hand sanitizers and dispose of them immediately in appropriate hazardous waste containers; these products are not to be flushed or pour down the drain.
- Report adverse events or side effects at MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program by any of the following ways:
    - Complete and submit the MedWatch Online Voluntary Reporting Form online.
    - Download FDA Form 3500 or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178.

Additional information can be found at: FDA's Drug Safety and Availability portal.

Best regards,

PharmPix Clinical Department

Reference:

- FDA Advises Consumers Not to Use Eskbiochem Hand Sanitizers. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (2020). Retrieved June 2020 from https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-consumers-not-use-hand-sanitizer-products-manufactured-eskbiochem.

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