



Important Prescribing Information

January 31, 2018

Subject: Temporary importation of intravenous (IV) fluid drug products

Dear Healthcare Professional,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of additional large volume parenteral (LVP) IV fluid drug products that Baxter will be importing in the United States (U.S.) to ensure supply continuity of these products. Baxter Healthcare Corporation (Baxter) is coordinating with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to increase the availability of products from Baxter's manufacturing facility in Brazil. You may be provided with additional letters for other imported products you receive. Please read each letter in its entirety because each letter may contain different, product-specific information.

Baxter has initiated temporary importation of the products tabulated below. These products are manufactured by Baxter's manufacturing facility in Brazil and are marketed in Brazil. At this time, no other entity except Baxter is authorized by the FDA to import or distribute these products in the United States. FDA has not approved the listed products manufactured by Baxter's manufacturing facility in Brazil.

Effective immediately, and during this temporary period, Baxter will offer the following:

Product name and description	Size	Product code	Pack Factor	NDC code
0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection (VIAFLEX Container)	250 mL	FZB1322	50	0338-9517-50
	500 mL	FZB1323	30	0338-9517-30
	1,000 mL	FZB1324	16	0338-9517-16

It is important to note the following:

After opening the carton or box, the bags should be inspected visually to confirm there is no visible particulate matter or bag defects; such as, leaks. Container integrity is imperative to ensure sterility of products listed in Table 1. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and bag defects prior to administrations, whenever solution or container permits. This requirement is specifically stated in the package insert for the products which are subject to this notification.

You should perform a visual inspection of the bag prior to administration of the solution. **DO NOT USE IF PARTICULATES ARE VISIBLE OR IF IV BAG CONTAINS A LEAK, USE A NEW BAG.**

- The imported products' administration port system is fully compatible with Baxter IV sets marketed in the United States.

- **The barcode may not register accurately on the U.S. scanning systems.** Institutions should manually input the product into their systems to confirm that barcode systems do not provide incorrect information when the product is scanned. Alternative procedures should be followed to assure that the correct drug product is being used and administered to individual patients.

There are some key differences in the labeling between the U.S. approved products and the imported products. Please see the product comparison tables at the end of this letter for:

- Table 1. Key differences in 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection
- Table 2. Label images of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection

Please refer to the FDA-approved package insert for the full prescribing information of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, in Viaflex plastic container (click [here](#))

If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter or the use of the imported products, please contact Baxter's Medical Information Service at 1-800-933-0303.

To place an order, please contact Baxter's Center for Service by calling 1-888-229-0001.

To report product quality issues, please contact Baxter Product Surveillance at 1-800-437-5176.

To report adverse events associated with these imported products, please call Baxter at 1-866-888-2472, or fax: 1-800-759-1801. Adverse events or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may also be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax:

- Complete and submit the report **Online**: www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm
- **Regular mail or Fax**: Download form www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm 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.

Sincerely,



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Product Comparison Table

Table 1. Key differences in 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection





	Import product	US FDA approved product		
Product name	0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection	0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP		
Indications	This solution is indicated for fluid and electrolyte replenishment. The solution is also used as a water and electrolyte repository in case of moderate metabolic alkalosis, sodium deficiency and as a drug diluent.	Sodium Chloride Injection, USP is indicated as a source of water and electrolytes. 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP is also indicated for use as a priming solution in hemodialysis procedures.		
Active ingredients	Sodium 154 mEq/L Chloride 154 mEq/L Each 100 mL contains 900 mg Sodium chloride	Sodium 154 mEq/L Chloride 154 mEq/L Each 100 mL contains 900 mg Sodium chloride USP		
Additional information	pH approx. 5.0 (4.5 – 7.0) Osmolarity approx. 308 mOsm/L	pH is 5.0 (4.5 to 7.0) Osmolarity 308 mOsmol/L (calc)		
Storage conditions	Store at room temperature (15°C to 30°C)	Store at room temperature 25°C/77°F		
Container type	VIAFLEX (PVC)	VIAFLEX (PVC)	AVIVA (non-PVC)	VIAFLO (non-PVC)
Administration port closures	Pull off port protector (blue color) 	Pull off port protector (blue color) 	Pull off port protector (natural/gum color) 	Twist off port protector (white) 

Table 2. Label images of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection products*

Imported product	US FDA approved product		
0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection	0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP		
VIAFLEX (PVC)	VIAFLEX (PVC)	AVIVA (non-PVC)	VIAFLO (non-PVC)**
<p>BATCH EXP</p> <p>0.9% SODIUM CHLORIDE 500 mL VIAFLEX</p> <p>CLOSURE SYSTEM STORE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE (15°C TO 30°C) ADULT AND PEDIATRIC USE EACH 100ML CONTAINS SODIUM CHLORIDE 900MG WATER FOR INJECTION SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO 100ML SODIUM 154 MEQ/L CHLORIDE 154 MEQ/L pH APPROX 5.0 OSMOLARITY APPROX 308 mOsm/L INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION STERILE NONPYROGENIC SOLUTION DO NOT USE IF TURBIDITY IS PRESENT SINGLE USE DISCARD AFTER USE INFORMATION TO THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL INDICATIONS CONTRAINDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS REFER TO PACKAGE INSERT ALL MEDICINES SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN REMOVE THE OVERPOUCH FOR USE LATEX FREE PRODUCT</p> <p>FZB1323 28 25 01 506</p> <p>Baxter</p> <p>BAXTER HOSPITALAR LTDA HENRI DUNANT STREET 1383 12 FLOOR TOWER B CONJ 1201 E 1204 SAO PAULO SP BRAZIL CNPJ 49351786000180 BRAZILIAN INDUSTRY LICENSE NUMBER 1068300690198 TECHNICAL RESPONSIBLE LUIZ GUSTAVO TANCISIK CRF 67982 CUSTOMER SERVICE 08000125522 BAXTER AND VIAFLEX ARE BRANDS OF BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC</p> <p>100 200 300 400</p>	<p>LOT EXP</p> <p>281323 NDC 0338-0049-03 DIN 00060208</p> <p>0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection USP 500 mL</p> <p>EACH 100 mL CONTAINS 900 mg SODIUM CHLORIDE USP pH 5.0 (4.5 TO 7.0) mEq/L SODIUM 154 CHLORIDE 154 OSMOLARITY 308 mOsmol/L (CALC) STERILE NONPYROGENIC SINGLE DOSE CONTAINER ADDITIVES MAY BE INCOMPATIBLE CONSULT WITH PHARMACIST IF AVAILABLE WHEN INTRODUCING ADDITIVES USE ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE MIX THOROUGHLY DO NOT STORE DOSAGE INTRAVENOUSLY AS DIRECTED BY A PHYSICIAN SEE DIRECTIONS CAUTIONS SQUEEZE AND INSPECT INNER BAG WHICH MAINTAINS PRODUCT STERILITY DISCARD IF LEAKS ARE FOUND MUST NOT BE USED IN SERIES CONNECTIONS DO NOT USE UNLESS SOLUTION IS CLEAR Rx ONLY STORE UNIT IN MOISTURE BARRIER OVERWRAP AT ROOM TEMPERATURE (25°C/77°F) UNTIL READY TO USE AVOID EXCESSIVE HEAT SEE INSERT</p> <p>VIAFLEX CONTAINER PL 146 PLASTIC</p> <p>BAXTER VIAFLEX AND PL 146 ARE TRADEMARKS OF BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC</p> <p>FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION 1-800-933-0303</p> <p>Baxter BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION DEERFIELD IL 60015 USA MADE IN USA</p> <p>DISTRIBUTED IN CANADA BY BAXTER CORPORATION MISSISSAUGA ON L5N 0C2</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p>	<p>LOT EXP</p> <p>500 mL 6E1323 NDC 0338-6304-03</p> <p>0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection USP</p> <p>EACH 100 mL CONTAINS 900 mg SODIUM CHLORIDE USP pH 5.5 (4.5 TO 7.0) mEq/L SODIUM 154 CHLORIDE 154 OSMOLARITY 308 mOsmol/L (CALC) STERILE NONPYROGENIC SINGLE DOSE CONTAINER ADDITIVES MAY BE INCOMPATIBLE CONSULT WITH PHARMACIST IF AVAILABLE WHEN INTRODUCING ADDITIVES USE ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE MIX THOROUGHLY DO NOT STORE DOSAGE INTRAVENOUSLY AS DIRECTED BY A PHYSICIAN SEE DIRECTIONS CAUTIONS SQUEEZE AND INSPECT INNER BAG WHICH MAINTAINS PRODUCT STERILITY DISCARD IF LEAKS ARE FOUND MUST NOT BE USED IN SERIES CONNECTIONS DO NOT USE UNLESS SOLUTION IS CLEAR Rx ONLY STORE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE (25°C/77°F) UNTIL READY TO USE AVOID EXCESSIVE HEAT SEE INSERT</p> <p>Baxter BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION DEERFIELD IL 60015 USA MADE IN USA</p> <p>BAXTER AVIVA AND THE AVIVA CRESCENT DESIGN ARE TRADEMARKS OF BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION 1-800-933-0303</p> <p>AVIVA CONTAINER</p> <p>PVC SOLUTION CONTACT LATEX DEHP SOLUTION CONTACT</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p>	<p>Baxter Viaflo</p> <p>0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection USP</p> <p>UE1323 NDC 0338-9543-03 500 mL</p> <p>50 pH 5.0 (4.5 - 7.0) Osmolarity 308 mOsm/L (calc)</p> <p>100 Each 100 mL contains 900 mg Sodium Chloride USP mEq/L Sodium 154 Chloride 154 150 Additives may be incompatible Consult with pharmacist if available when introducing 200 Additives Use aseptic technique Mix thoroughly Do not store Dosage intravenously as directed by a physician See directions Cautions Squeeze and inspect inner bags which maintains product sterility Discard if leaks are found Must not be used in series connections Do not use unless solution is clear Rx Only Store unit in moisture barrier overwrap at room temperature (25°C/77°F) until ready to use Avoid excessive heat See insert</p> <p>250 Baxter VIAFLO and PL-2442 are trademarks of Baxter International Inc</p> <p>For product information 1-800-933-0303</p> <p>300 Baxter Healthcare Corporation BAR CODE Deerfield IL 60015 60015 USA Made in Spain</p> <p>350</p> <p>400</p> <p>450 Lot UN-35-02-875 Expiry</p> <p>50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 450</p>

* Comparison of 500 mL container labels is provided as a representative sample. Labels are similar across product sizes.

** Viaflo product codes may carry a "D" suffix (e.g., UE1323D)