



Updated frequent questions on integrity, transparency and obligation to pass on discounts for therapeutic products in track changes mode

Section I.B.12

How long before the expiry date are product returns permitted within the scope of the integrity provisions in the legislation on therapeutic products?

The permitted cut-off date for the return of expiring products is the last day of the month preceding the month in which the prescription medicinal product expires. The professional or organisation concerned must be able to provide evidence that they returned the products in question to the manufacturer/supplier who sold them by the cut-off date (presentation to a delivery service or post office). For example: in compliance with the integrity provisions set out in the legislation on therapeutic products, the last legal return date for a product expiring in December 2021 would be 30 November 2021. The professional or organisation concerned must therefore be able to prove that they handed the products in question over to a delivery service or the post office by 30 November 2021.

Please note: the FOPH stipulates this cut-off date for returns exclusively with regard to the integrity provisions set out in the legislation on therapeutic products (i.e. with a view to a permitted exchange or credit note for the expired products). The question of how long a therapeutic product that has not yet expired may be used or dispensed is the responsibility of the cantons.

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