

10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Tier 2

Dear Colleagues,

Following on from our initial communication on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, please see update regarding supplies of **Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets (MAOI)**:

- Kyowa Kirin, the sole supplier of Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets in the UK have confirmed that their resupply date has now been delayed until March 2020 due to manufacturing delays.
- Specialist importer companies have advised that they can continue to source unlicensed imports from abroad. (please see table below for the companies who can import unlicensed phenelzine tablets)

Importer
Clinigen
Target
Alium
Mawdsleys
Durbin
WEP Clinical
Waymade

- Please see guidance which UK Medicine Information previously published about management options including the need for specialist referral to mental health teams if unlicensed supplies of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets are deemed unsuitable:  
<https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-phenelzine-15mg-tablets-nardil/>

**Local Action required:**

1. Please share this update with relevant networks locally including GP practices, community pharmacies and community mental health services.
2. For patients who do not have sufficient supplies of Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg to last until March 2020, clinicians should consider prescribing an unlicensed preparation of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets as soon as possible in order to avoid abrupt withdrawal. Clinicians will need to work with local pharmacies to understand more about the specific unlicensed products that can be sourced and associated lead times.
3. Unlicensed imports can be obtained through normal wholesaler routes. However, if pharmacies are unable to obtain supplies they are advised to contact specialist importer companies directly.
4. Clinicians should refer to the UKMI memo for advice on alternatives management options.

If you have any queries, please contact [DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk)

We hope this information is helpful and thank you for your assistance with this issue.

Yours sincerely,

DHSC Medicines Supply team