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World Topics

US: CVS pulls popular over-the-counter cold medicines from store shelves

On 19th October 2023, CVS announced that they would, voluntarily, be removing cough and cold medicines that contain phenylephrine as the only active ingredient from their stores.

Detail information is available at the following URLs:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/shopping/2023/10/20/cvs-pulling-cold-medication/71256981007/>

Here's why CVS is pulling some popular cold medicine off its shelves

USA Today | 20 October 2023

<https://nypost.pressreader.com/article/281651079783174>

What's actually 'cold comfort' As CVS yanks 'useless' cough meds

New York Post | 21 October 2023

France: ANSM published an update advising against the use of oral vasoconstrictors (including PSE)

On 22th October 2023, The French National Agency for the Safety of Medicines and Health Products (ANSM) published an update advising against the use of oral vasoconstrictors (including PSE) in case of a common cold or benign nasopharyngitis.

Detail information is available at the ANSM's website (in French and in English):

<https://ansm.sante.fr/actualites/en-cas-de-rhume-evitez-les-medicaments-vasoconstricteurs-par-voie-orale>

Statement by NèreS, the local trade association is available at the following URL (in France):

https://neres.fr/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-23_CP-NereS-Vasoconstricteurs.pdf

UK: New International Recognition Procedure will come into effect in January 2024

Due to the expiration of the European Commission (EC) Decision Reliance



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Procedure (ECDRP), established from January 2021 as a provisional measure following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, a new International Recognition Procedure (IRP) will come into effect from January 2024.

International Recognition Procedure (IRP):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-recognition-procedure/international-recognition-procedure>

European Commission (EC) Decision Reliance Procedure (ECDRP):

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/european-commission-ec-decision-reliance-procedure>

EU: Haleon and Bayer introduce new generation blister packs

Haleon and Bayer have signed an agreement with Pulpac to develop blister packs using dry molded fiber products that are biodegradable and highly recyclable.

Further details can be found on the Pulpac website:

Pulpac press release (October 9th): Signing contract with Haleon

<https://www.pulpac.com/news/bayer-joins-the-blister-pack-collective-to-reduce-single-use-plastics-in-tablet-packs/>

Pulpac press release (October 11th): Signing of contract with Bayer

<https://www.pulpac.com/news/haleon-joins-blister-pack-collective-as-a-founding-member/>

Introduction of blister pack using dry mold fiber:

<https://www.paconsulting.com/global-shifts/sustainable-world/blister-pack-collective>

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The 1st Latin American Self-Care Congress will be held from November 8th to 9th, 2023 in São Paulo, Brazil, organized by the Brazilian Association (ACESSA), the South American Association (ILAR), and the World Association (GSCF).

November 8th:

Session 1: Building resilient Health Systems beyond COVID-19. The role of Self-Care

Session 2: Individual Empowerment with Self-Care

Session 3: Access to Self-Care Products and Market Trends

Session 4: Advancing Health Policy towards a Global Self-Care Resolution

November 9th:

Session 1: Sustainability & Innovation

Session 2: Leading the Regulatory Change for Self-Care Products

Session 3: The Future of the Regulatory Environment for Self-Care

Detail information is available at the following URL:

<https://cla2023.com.br/>