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Dear Product Licence Holders and Importers,

**DIRECTIVE FOR CARBOCISTEINE CONTAINING PRODUCTS IN BRUNEI
DARUSSALAM:
UPDATE ON PRODUCT LABELLING / PACKAGE INSERT ON ITS USE IN CHILDREN**

The Brunei Darussalam Medicines Control Authority in its 47th Meeting held on 22nd June 2024 has reviewed and updated the requirement for registration of all products containing Carbocisteine with strengths 50mg/ml and above, including those that are currently registered and marketed in Brunei Darussalam. This update is due to public safety concerns, considering that these products are classified as General Sale List Medicines and can be purchased without a prescription from a doctor or supervision of a pharmacist.

2. All Product Licence Holders and importers are therefore required to update the product labelling / package insert of all products containing Carbocisteine with strengths 50mg/ml and above to include the following information:
 - Do not use in children under 6 years of age unless advised by the doctor / pharmacist
 - Use with caution upon the advice of the doctor / pharmacist in children 6 to 12 years of age
 - Do not use for more than 5 days
 - If cough persists, please consult your doctor.
3. The implementation date on the requirement is as follows:
 - i) New applications and applications which are still in process of registration: **immediate effect commencing 26 June 2024**
 - ii) Registered products: **26 December 2024.**
4. Update on product labelling / package insert for registered products is required to be submitted as variation application prior to the implementation date.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chair

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