



Setting Standards  
Across Seven Sectors

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be aware that the way Steroplast Healthcare Ltd have listed Manufacturing Dates and Expiry Dates on our products has changed in the last two years. Previously, our products were labelled with Manufacturing Dates and Expiry Dates in the format DDMMYY. However, since the implementation of the Unique Device Identification (UDI) system with MDR, this has changed to layout YYMMDD.

This change has occurred because GS1, which is the barcoding system that we use, mandates that the format of the date field in all UDIs must be in layout YYMMDD. In order to keep this information consistent across our devices, the layout of the human-readable dates was altered to match this layout. The below table shows the requirements for the GS1 data formats that are present on Steroplast products:

## Application Identifier Values

AI	Description	Data Format
01	GTIN-14	14 digits – numeric
10	Batch Number	1-20 alphanumeric
11	Production Date	6 digits: YYMMDD
17	Expiration Date	6 digits: YYMMDD

We understand that this change may be confusing to some customers at first, and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause while customers get used to the change. From now and going forwards, all Steroplast products will have Manufacturing Dates and Expiry Dates in layout YYMMDD.

We hope that this clears up any confusion or misunderstandings about this change.

Kind Regards,

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