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Dear Valued BPCRS customer

**Expiration Date Statement for BP Chemical Reference Standards**

We have reviewed our policy on expiration dates of BPCRS in order to extend the usage period available to our customers. This was following feedback from our customers that the previous period did not allow customers enough time to use the BPCRS after customs clearance and delivery.

All BPCRS batches listed in the catalogue are routinely tested for stability, therefore as long as a batch is listed on the website catalogue. As long as the batch number on the vial is shown as the current batch on the website, it is valid and suitable for use, provided it is unopened and stored according to the instructions given.

If the batch number on the vial is different from the current batch on the website, then you should apply an expiry date of 12 months from the date of dispatch provided it is unopened and stored according to the instructions given.

It is your responsibility to confirm whether a particular batch of a BPCRS is the current batch or not. The BPCRS Catalogue is updated online regularly and you should refer to the BP website prior to using a BPCRS to make sure the batch is the current and valid for use. A monthly update is posted on the Latest News section of the BP website to show the release dates of new and replacement batches, including the current batch number.

Please see our website for further details: [www.pharmacopoeia.com/reference-standards](http://www.pharmacopoeia.com/reference-standards).

Kind regards

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