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IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO:

1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Chief Pharmacists NHS Boards
3. Hospital Pharmacy Managers
4. Medical Directors NHS Boards
5. Chief Executives NHS Boards

4 March 2010

Dear Healthcare Professional,
DRUG ALERT NO 4 – CLASS 2

Please find attached drug safety information from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory agency (MHRA) for onward transmission (see list below)

1. Please could all Directors of Pharmacy forward this alert to:-

- Community Pharmacists
- Hospital Pharmacists
- Chief Pharmacists to forward on to Medicines Information Pharmacists

2. Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- General Practitioners
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Boards

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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**DRUG ALERT
CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

**Action Within 48 Hours
PHARMACY LEVEL RECALL**

Date: 04 March 2010

EL (10)A/04

Our Ref: MDR 09-03/10

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Winthrop Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd

Alimemazine Tartrate 7.5mg/5ml Syrup

PL 17780/0465

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
BN4	Oct 2012	1x100ml	27 November 2009

Winthrop Pharmaceuticals UK limited is recalling all remaining stocks of the above batch of Alimemazine Tartrate 7.5mg/5ml Syrup. This action is being taken as a precautionary measure because the Company has become aware that there is the potential for a bottle of 30mg/5ml syrup to be found in a carton labelled for 7.5mg/5ml syrup. To date, only one such pack has been identified. **(Please note, there is a batch of 30mg/5ml syrup with the same batch number, BN4. This is not being recalled.)**

Pharmacists are asked to return any stock from this batch via the appropriate Wholesaler. For any stock enquiries, please contact Winthrop Customer Service on 0800 854431

For Medical Information enquiries please contact Winthrop Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd Medical Information on 01483 554101

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. Primary care trusts are asked to forward this to relevant clinics and to General practitioners and Community Pharmacists for information.

Yours faithfully

Alison Bunce,
Pharmaceutical Assessor DMRC

MHRA Distribution:

Regional Contacts for NHS Trusts and Provider Units
Chief Pharmacists: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland
Prison Health Policy Unit (DH)
Chief Pharmacists: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Isle of Man, Gibraltar
Special Hospitals
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Primary Care Trusts (England)

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