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**Extension of the shelf life of available batches of COMIRNATY - COVID 19 mRNA vaccine (Nucleoside modified – Pfizer BNT) as per the recommendation of World Health Organization**

As per communication by the Director of the Regulation and Prequalification Department of World Health Organization to the Director, Supply Division of the UNICEF on the above subject, the recommendation on the shelf-life of the COMIRNATY COVID 19 mRNA vaccine has been extended from 9 to 12 months for unopened vials stored at temperatures between -90°C to -60°C.

This variation has also been conveyed to the Chief Executive Officer of the NMRA by the Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs of the Pfizer India office.

Taking note of the above, the National Medicines Regulatory Authority has conveyed its recommendation that the shelf life of the following batches of the COMIRNATY - COVID 19 mRNA vaccine received by Sri Lanka can be extended until 31.10.2022, provided that the approved storage conditions have been guaranteed throughout the supply chain of the product.

	Batch No	Date of manufacture	Date of expiry (in the carton)	Extended expiry date by the manufacturer
1	FN 5436	2021.11.08	2022.07.31	2022.10.31
2	FN 2898	2021.11.24	2022.07.31	2022.10.31
3	FM 9281	2021.11.17	2022.07.31	2022.10.31
4	FM 5450	2021.11.17	2022.07.31	2022.10.31

In view of the recommendation of the NMRA, the Ministry of Health has decided to extend the expiry date of the above-mentioned batches of vaccines to 31.10.2022.

You are hereby requested to communicate this with the relevant officials in your institution/province/district and take necessary measures to continue the COVID 19 vaccination program as per the guidelines issued previously.



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