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# European Pharmacopoeia Reference Standards

Handling, dispatch, where to find useful information and other practicalities

**European Pharmacopoeia training webinars**  
**Strasbourg, December 2025**

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# Topics

- ★ Before ordering 
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- ★ Labelling 
- ★ What is expected from users 
- ★ Proving validity 
- ★ Shipping & Storing 
- ★ Safety 
- ★ Other sources of information & FAQ 



# Before ordering

# Online Catalogue – Where to find it



## Consult the online catalogue

Specific catalogue for Ph. Eur. / ISA and ICRS (WHO)

<https://store.edqm.eu/index.html>



### Reference Standards

#### CATALOGUE

- Consult our complete list of standards:
  - European Pharmacopoeia Reference Standards
  - Who International Standards for Antibiotics (ISA)
  - Who International Chemical Reference Substances (ICRS)

#### ORDER / QUOTATION

- Place your order
- Ask for a quotation



### Publications & CombiStats

#### CATALOGUE

- Consult our complete list of publications (including CombiStats)

#### ORDER / QUOTATION

- Place your order and benefit from free shipping charges for the print versions
- Issue your quotation (quotations issued on the store will have to be transformed into an order on the store)



### Payment & Documents

#### MY ACCOUNT

- PAY online
- Consult all your orders and invoices for any EDQM products (publications, reference standards, conferences, CombiStats etc.)
- Print all documents relevant to your orders

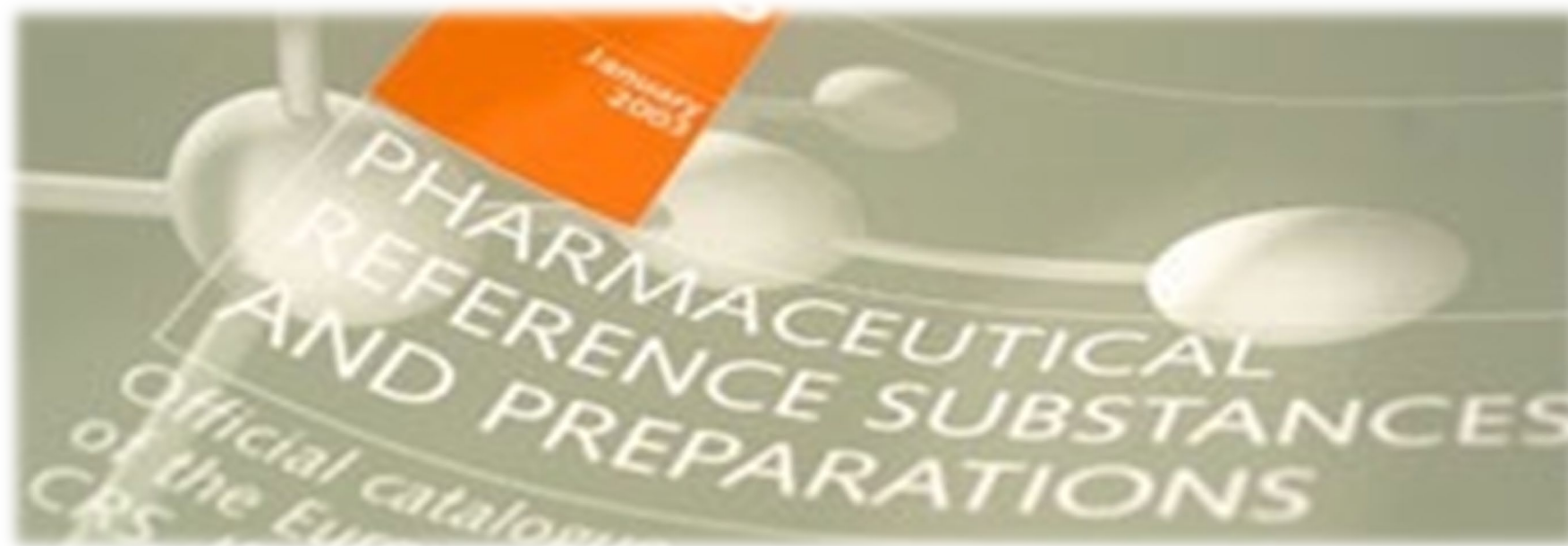
# Online Catalogue – Where to find it



**Available online**

**Updated daily - English only**


For searching database: <https://crs.edqm.eu>





# Search Database



Search Database online | Reference substances 

Please enter a search term and select a search method using the drop menus below.

- If you select "contains", all entries containing your search term will be returned.
  - For example, if you enter "toco", both "tocopherol" and "ketoconazole" will be returned.
- If you select "is exactly", the entry that matches exactly your search term will be returned if it exists.

Search a  that

You can also download the **European Pharmacopoeia daily Reference Standards catalogue**:

[in a pdf format](#)

[in a XML format](#)

Please note that you can download the [Terms and Conditions of Supply](#).

You may also get a list of the new batches and new products by clicking on [New!](#)

You can get CRS withdrawn from sale since 1 year by clicking on [Withdrawn](#)

Several possibilities to search for a RS:

Search a  that

Possibility to print the entire catalogue (interface with IT system in xml)

See next slide



# Prepare for customs and reception in your laboratory

Catalogue Code	Y0001984
Name	Codeine for system suitability - * narc CRS
Current batch number	2
Unit quantity per vial	10 mg
Number of vials per sales unit	1
Used in monograph(s)	0074, 0075, 0076, 1412
Assigned content	See leaflet
Additional information	An original import permit is required to apply for an export licence from the French authorities (allow 2-3 weeks). Your permit must be valid for at least 3 months. Please state on your purchase order your preferred airport.  You should apply for your import permit, per vial: - 9,19 mg of codeine monohydrate - 0,019 mg of thebaine - 0,031mg of norcodeine
Leaflet	<a href="#">click to download the leaflet</a>
Chemical hazard	<a href="#">Click to download Safety Data Sheet</a>
Biological hazard	none identified
SDS Product Code	201600233
CAS Registry Number	N/A
Presentation	
Origin	<a href="#">click to download Origin Of Goods.pdf</a>
Proposed Import HS code	293911
EDQM long term storage conditions	+5°C+/-3°C
Dispatching conditions	Ambient temp.
UN Code	Not classified
Shipping group	A2A
Price*	79 EUR
Availability	Available
Sales restriction	No

Batches

batch 2 is valid at this date ▼

Print BVS

RS webshop

Direct link to Webstore

Need 2-3 weeks to be processed by French authorities.

Composition to declare is provided.

SDS

Origin of goods **Country of origin**

Proposed HS code

EDQM dispatch and storage conditions

Availability

Sales restriction are provided





# Necessary documents in some cases

## For precursors, psychotropic and narcotic substances

- An original import permit to be sent to the EDQM

## For \*ODS substances

- A valid LabODS number (EU) or license (outside EU) is required (refer to specific FAQ for further guidance)

## For biological material

- Please check that you have the import permit (e.g. USA and Australian permits)

## Some specific documents available from the website

- Letter replacing CoA
- Legal Framework and Diplomatic Status of Reference Standards for Customs Purposes

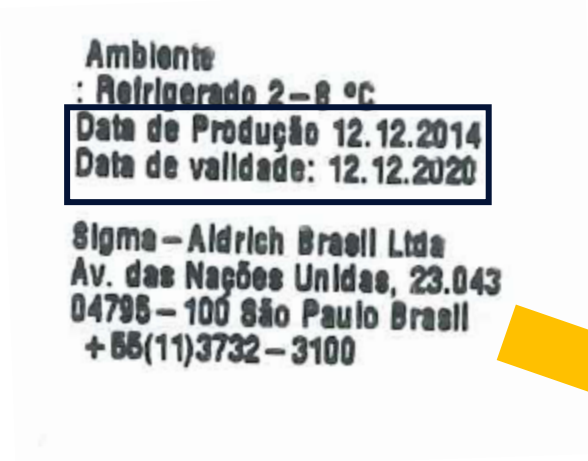


# Ordering

# Where to order



- Ph.Eur. RS can be ordered directly from EDQM:  
<https://www.edqm.eu/en/ph-eur-reference-standards-orders-catalogue>
- Care should be taken when ordering from other sources:



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Direction européenne de la qualité du médicament & soins de santé

DIVISION OF REFERENCE STANDARDS & SAMPLES (DRS)  
P0950000

ORIGIN OF GOODS

The European Pharmacopoeia is the official intergovernmental body responsible for establishment of quality standards for medicines in Europe. Compliance with the standards is mandatory for any medicine to be sold in Europe. In many cases, to test compliance, pharmaceutical manufacturers have to use a reference substance. All substances supplied by the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines are supplied exclusively as European Pharmacopoeia Reference for use as standards or reference materials in tests and assays carried out in accordance with the official methods of the European Pharmacopoeia and for no other purpose.

NOT FOR FOOD  
NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION  
FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY

I give you the origin for the following substance:

Substance	Origin
Phenoxethanol	Synthetic

➤ The material is not of animal origin;  
➤ The material is for in vitro use only;  
➤ The material does not come from a facility where work with exotic viruses affecting livestock and avian species is conducted;  
➤ The material does not produce antigens or contain genes of livestock or avian disease agents or does not produce monoclonal antibodies directed against livestock or avian disease agents;  
➤ The above materials do not contain any animal or cell culture derived products or additives such as albumin or serum.

Best regards,

Dr. Fanny MOUTIER-GAME  
Division of Reference Standards and Samples

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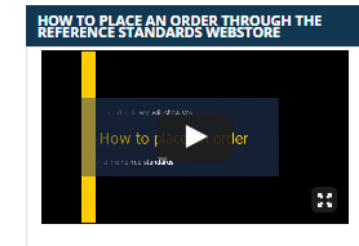


- EDQM does not have authorised distributors

....but EDQM provides a list of organisations or companies known to re-sell EDQM products.

This list is available through the website.

- A video explaining how to use the webstore is available from the website.



- Reference spectra are mailed as a pdf file since 2021.

# Certificates of origin



**NEW:** revised certificates of origin are now online  
(from the online catalogue)


YET

Be aware that the EDQM is not in a position to release **EUR.1 movement certificate**  
(also known as **EUR.1 certificate**, or **EUR.1**).

# Ordering



Subject: [Order Conf. 0000275296 from 27.11.2024 - ZOR](#)

 Order Conf. 0000275296 from 27.11.2024.pdf  
56 KB

This email was sent from a notification-only address that cannot accept incoming emails.

Dear Customer,

Thank you for ordering from the EDQM - Council of Europe.

Please find attached your order confirmation. Please note that your order may be blocked waiting for information from your side. Please take the time to check if any comments were added on the attached document in the comment box and/or in the item lines.

**\*AMENDMENT/CANCELLATION\***

If you wish to amend/cancel your order, please contact us via [orders@edqm.eu](mailto:orders@edqm.eu) no later than 24 hours after receiving this email. After this deadline, modifications or cancellations will not be accepted.

**\*ESTIMATED SHIPPING DATE & INCOTERMS\***

This information is available on the last page of this attachment.  
Please make sure that you verify this information as for reference standards, we might not be able to deliver door to door even if you requested it in your order.

**\*LEAFLET, SDS, ORIGIN OF GOODS CERTIFICATE, etc.\***

All the supporting documents and other information can be found in our online database: <https://crs.edqm.eu/>

For more information, please see FAQs and Helpdesk: [www.edqm.eu/hd](http://www.edqm.eu/hd)

Best regards,

Sales team

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Publication & reference standard online orders:  
<https://www.edqm.eu/store/>

- When an order is sent, you have **24 hours** to correct or cancel the order.
- Then, the order is blocked **24 hours** for preparation (no possible change).
- We privilege door-to-door shipment.



# Ordering



Line	Item code	Description	Qty	Unit price	Handling charges	Net value	Estimated shipping date
10	<a href="#">Y0001745</a>	<b>Glucose monohydrate CRS</b> 1 vial(s) per sales unit ; 750 mg per vial	18	79,00	45,00	1.467,00	23/05/2022
20	<a href="#">F0400000</a>	<b>Fosfomycin trometamol CRS</b> 1 vial(s) per sales unit ; 1500 mg per vial	17	79,00	42,50	1.385,50	23/05/2022
30	<a href="#">Y0000400</a>	<b>Naltrexone hydrochloride CRS</b> 1 vial(s) per sales unit ; 50 mg per vial	6	79,00	15,00	489,00	23/05/2022
40	<a href="#">Y0001629</a>	<b>Follitropin CRS</b> 1 vial(s) per sales unit ; 0,2 mg per vial	16	79,00	40,00	1.304,00	23/05/2022

**Ambient, not controlled nor dangerous (shipping group A1A)**

**DELIVERY TERMS: DAP [REDACTED] - Door to door**

Item	Item code	Description	Qty	Proposed HS code	Estimated ship. date
10	<a href="#">Y0001745</a>	Glucose monohydrate CRS	18	170230	23/05/2022
20	<a href="#">F0400000</a>	Fosfomycin trometamol CRS	17	294190	23/05/2022
30	<a href="#">Y0000400</a>	Naltrexone hydrochloride CRS	6	293919	23/05/2022
50	<a href="#">Y0001816</a>	Sodium aminosalicilate dihydrate for equipment qualification	4	292250	23/05/2022

**Dry-ice, not controlled nor dangerous (shipping group D1A)**

**DELIVERY TERMS: DAP [REDACTED] - Door to door**

Item	Item code	Description	Qty	Proposed HS code	Estimated ship. date
40	<a href="#">Y0001629</a>	Follitropin CRS	16	293719	23/05/2022

**Always have a close look to the Acknowledgement of Receipt**

**NEW: split per shipping group**

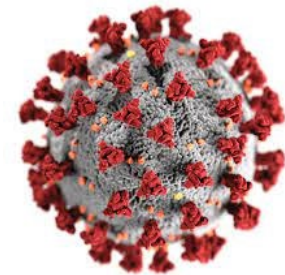
- Shipping dates are known at the time of parcel preparation, not before
- Impossible to make door-to-door for some destinations because of shipping companies restrictions (even if requested at order stage!!)
- Ice: delivered at the closest “customs” airport!

**Chase your broker, if any (especially for ice / dry ice) & ANTICIPATE CUSTOMS ISSUES**

# Shipping issues are the new reality



- Flights are subject to last minute change without notice.
- Due to safety issues, some destinations are suspended at last minute leading to difficulties to ship to some areas.
- Some countries may still block parcels for claimed sanitary reason.
- We try to do our best to continue privileging door-to-door shipment or asking for the closest airport but we cannot guarantee that we are successful.





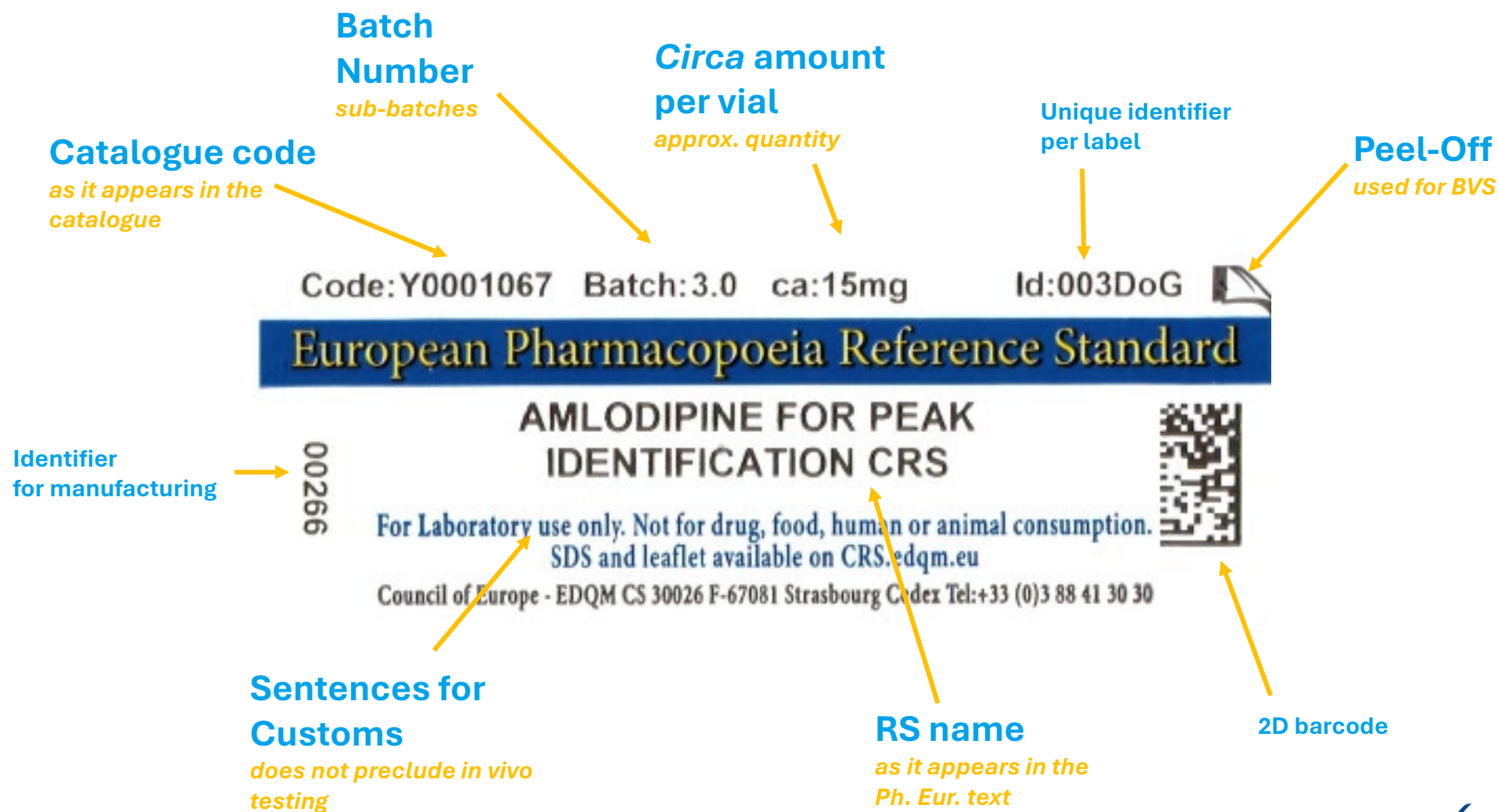
# Labelling

# What the label includes

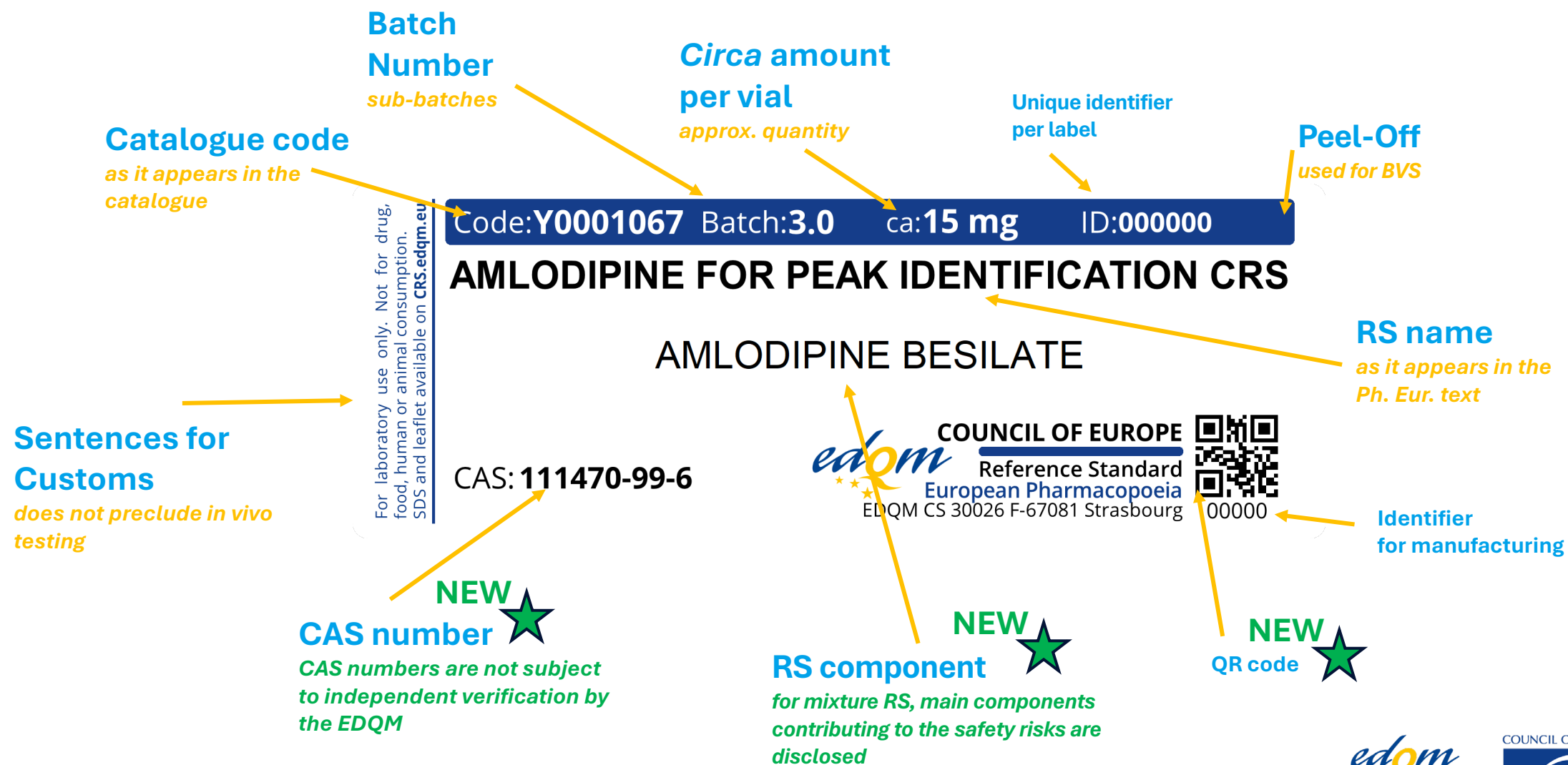
- Primary label AND the pictogram;
- Secondary label (displaying the pictograms on the outer package);
- Leaflet



# Informations on the label

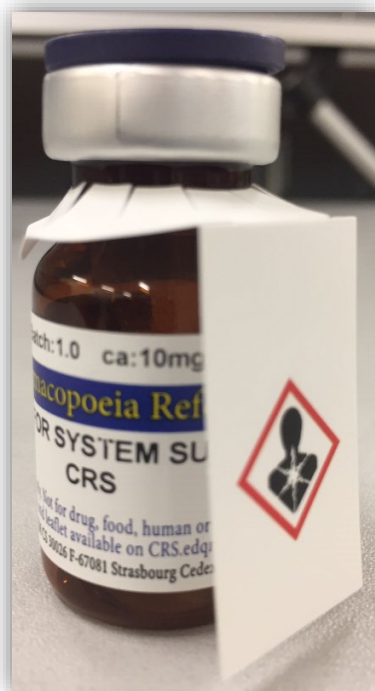


# A new label is progressively being deployed



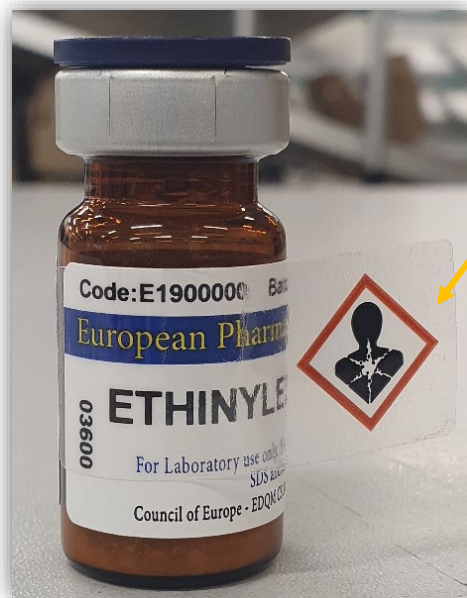


# Safety information



Safety information

Warning tag (if any)





# Safety information

... on the new label

**NEW** ★  
**Pictograms**  
*incorporated directly into the  
content of the primary label*

For laboratory use only. Not for drug,  
food, human or animal consumption.  
SDS and leaflet available on [CRS.edqm.eu](https://crs.edqm.eu)

Code: **M1825010** Batch: **2.0** ca: **40 mg** ID: **000000**




CAS: **100-36-7**

**METOCLOPRAMIDE**  
**IMPURITY E CRS**  
N,N-diethylethane-1,2-  
diamine

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Reference Standard  
**European Pharmacopoeia**

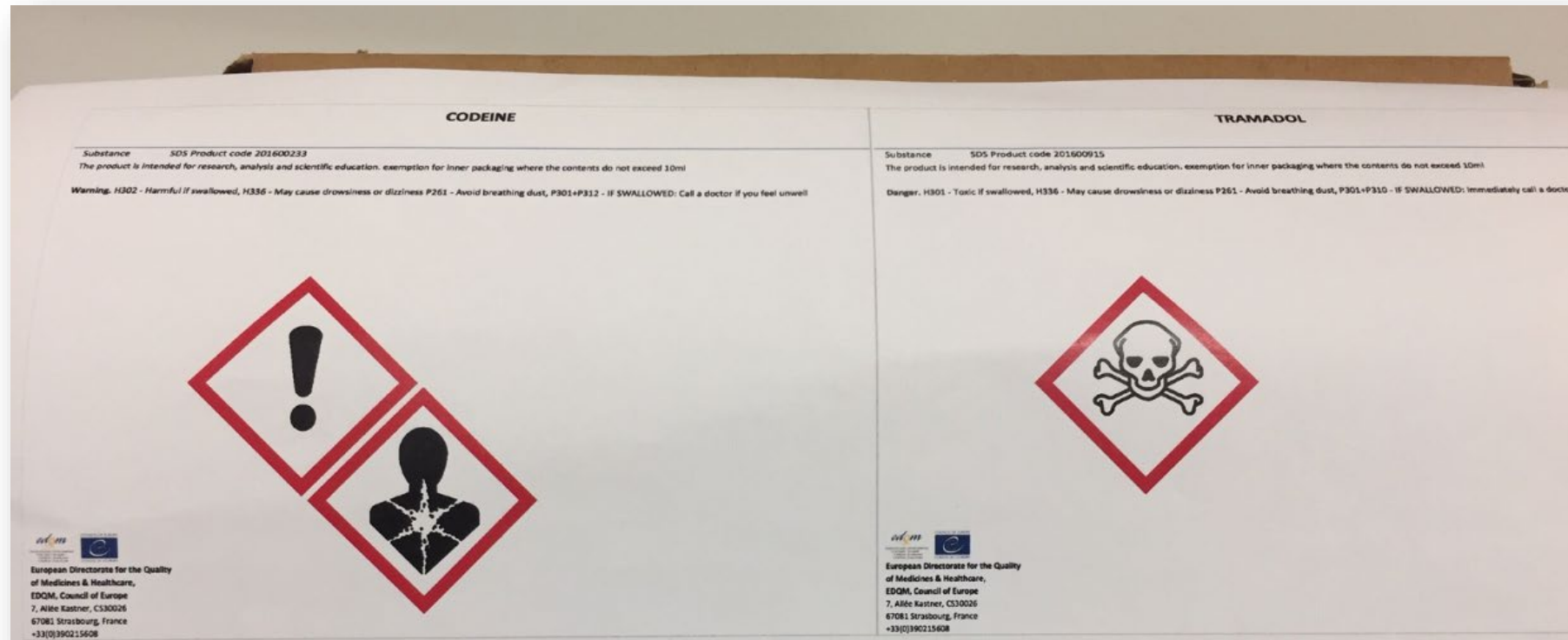
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# Safety information



Safety Information is also provided on the external secondary package: pictograms and warnings (in the language of the country).



# Leaflet



Additional information is provided in the information leaflet:

\* if used as an assay standard the following information is also given:

- the assigned percentage content;
- or, the content in mg or mL of the chemical entity in the container;
- or, the assigned potency (for biological assays or microbiological assays) in units either per mg or per vial.

**This is not mentioned on the primary label or in the catalogue!**

\* type-chromatograms, stoichiometric conversion factor, etc. are also available in the leaflet.

# Leaflet

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For any questions: [www.edqm.eu](http://www.edqm.eu) (HelpDesk)



## INFORMATION LEAFLET Ph. Eur. Reference Standard Codeine impurity A CRS batch 5

### 1. Identification

Catalogue code: Y0000334

Unit Quantity: ca 15 mg

### 2. Scientific Information

#### 2.1 Intended use

Reference Standard for laboratory tests as prescribed in the European Pharmacopoeia only.  
*Established for use with the monograph(s): 0075.*

#### 2.2 Analytical information related to intended use, when applicable

Codeine impurity A CRS 5 is supplied as the free base.  
For the calculation of the amount of codeine impurity A in the monograph for codeine phosphate sesquihydrate (0075), multiply the peak area of impurity A obtained with reference solution (b) by a stoichiometric conversion factor of Mr A / Mr B = 0.7.  
Note: Molecular masses used for the calculation of the stoichiometric conversion factor in this leaflet:  
Mr A: codeine impurity A [base]: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> --- 313.40 g/mol  
Mr B: codeine impurity A [phosphate sesquihydrate]: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> \* H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> \* 1½ H<sub>2</sub>O --- 438.42 g/mol.

#### 2.3 Uncertainty of the assigned value, when applicable

The uncertainty of the assigned value is not stated since it is considered to be negligible in relation to the defined limits of the method-specific assays for which the reference standard is used. Please also refer to Ph. Eur. chapter 5.12.

#### 2.4 Validity

Ph. Eur. RS are periodically tested to ensure their continuous fitness for purpose. For each valid Ph. Eur. RS, a Batch Validity Statement at the time of use can be downloaded and printed from the EDQM website (Reference Standards Database).

#### 2.5 Instructions for use

The container should not be opened until required for use. Allow the closed container to equilibrate at ambient temperature before opening to avoid uptake of moisture. Use "as is". Do not dry/desiccate before use. Ph. Eur. RS are for immediate use. Once the container has been opened, its entire content must be used immediately. Any further storage and re-use are not warranted.

#### 3. Storage conditions

In the original container at +5°C ± 3°C, protected from light. Re-instate promptly upon receipt.

### 4. Safety

For scientific research, development and analysis only. Handle in accordance with good occupational hygiene, safety and laboratory practices and take precautions to avoid exposure. More information is available at the EDQM website (Reference Standards Database): Safety Data Sheet for hazardous chemicals and Safety Data Statement for other materials.

### 5. Shipping conditions

Each Ph. Eur. RS is shipped under conditions that preserve its suitability for use and comply with the relevant regulations. For more details see EDQM website (Reference Standards Database).

### 6. Warranties, Liabilities and responsibility

#### - Safety

In the event of any safety concerns, please read carefully the safety data sheets or safety data statements available for each product. It is for Purchasers to determine independently the risks associated with the items and to take appropriate safety measures, including the provision of appropriate information, equipment and training of those persons coming into contact with the item.

### - Warranties

Except for the use of Reference Standards in tests and assays carried out in accordance with the official methods of the European Pharmacopoeia and by professionals with the necessary technical skills and at their own discretion and risk, the EDQM makes no representation, contractual statement, or expression of opinion concerning the quality or safety of any item supplied, the presence of any defect in it, or its fitness for any particular purpose except that as described above.

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This transaction shall be governed by the Council of Europe's relevant regulatory framework, complemented, where necessary, by French national substantive law.

### 8. Citation

Users shall ensure that any reference made to an EDQM Reference Standard in any publication, presentation or public document (ex. scientific articles, data sheets for kits) bears the exact name, and catalogue code of the Reference Standard and the exact name and address of EDQM as given on the first page of this information leaflet.

### 9. Adoption

The suitability for intended use has been officially adopted by the European Pharmacopoeia Commission.

### 10. Signature

This document is approved by:

Ms Caroline Offerlé  
Head of the Quality and Risk Management Section

Signed on: 10/05/2019  
FORM/597 Rev. 03 [14/01/2019]



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# What is expected from the user



# Before using a Ph. Eur. Reference Standard



**Immediately before using** a Ph. Eur. Reference Standard, the following shall be checked:

- that the **reference standard batch number** is current at the time of use. Print the real-time batch validity statement (BVS) available online;
- that the **container/closure system integrity is maintained**, i.e. absence of visible defects originating from shipping;
- that the **reference standard** after receipt has been stored at the conditions prescribed in the Ph. Eur. RS catalogue (or according to your specifications, if any).



# Before using a Ph. Eur. Reference Standard

- Moreover, allow the RS to equilibrate to lab temperature before opening.
- Use “as is” unless indicated in the leaflet.
- Depending on the quantity in the vial, two main glass vials may be used:

## For filling weights > 15 mg

Brown glass vials (type 7 mL)

N.B.: also used for evaporation and freeze-dried references



## For filling weights < 15 mg

V-vials facilitating the recovery of the powder



# ✓ Proving validity



**No expiry date nor retest date** is stated on the label or leaflet

**Use BVS!**



# Batch Validity Statement (BVS)

To get the BVS, go the detailed view of the catalogue

Catalogue Code	B1220000	Batches
Name	Ibuprofen impurity B CRS	
Current batch number	11	batch 11 is valid at this date
Unit quantity per vial	1.15 ML	Print BVS
Number of vials per sales unit	1	RS webshop
Used in monograph(s)	0721	
Assigned content	See Leaflet	
Additional information		
Leaflet	<a href="#">click to download the leaflet</a>	
Chemical hazard	<a href="#">Click to download Safety Data Sheet</a>	
Biological hazard	none identified	
SDS Product Code	201601020	
CAS Registry Number	N/A	
Origin	n/a	
Proposed Import HS code	291639	
EDQM long term storage conditions	+5°C+/-3°C	
Dispatching conditions	Ambient temp.	
UN Code	1648	
Shipping group	A1A	
Price	79 EUR	
Availability	Available	
Sales restriction	No	

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# Batch Validity Statement (BVS)

Ibuprofen impurity B CRS batch number = **11** => Check online BVS

**BATCH VALIDITY STATEMENT**  
**EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA REFERENCE STANDARDS (CRS) & (BRP)**  
*This Batch Validity Statement has to be used in conjunction with Ph. Eur. general chapter 51200 Reference Standards.*

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**Phone:** +33 (0)3 88 41 30 30  
**Fax:** +33 (0)3 88 41 27 71  
**Internet:** <http://www.edqm.eu>

Batch 11 is official at the time of printing

Name	Ibuprofen impurity B CRS
Catalogue code	B1220000
Batch number*	11
Assigned value	See leaflet
Validity	Batch 11 is valid at this date
Additional information	
Storage conditions	Recommended EDQM storage conditions for unopened containers : +5°C+/-3°C
Safety data	Safety Data Sheet is available from the detailed view or upon request.
Leaflet	Click on the hyperlink to download the leaflet containing the instructions for use, <a href="#">click to download the leaflet</a>
Origin	Click on the hyperlink to download the origin to check if import permit is required in your country, n/a

* This BVS also includes sub-batches.
This statement is valid at the date of printing : 2024-7-23
<small>The Council of Europe (EDQM) makes no representation or warranty with respect to the accuracy, completeness, or currentness, of this electronic statement. The Council of Europe (EDQM) shall not be liable on account of any potential errors or omissions.</small>

Also valid at the date of printing for sub-batches (e.g. 11.1; 11.2, etc.)





# Batch Validity Statement (BVS)

BUT: batch 10 is still valid until 31/05/2025 → Check online BVS

Catalogue Code	B1220000	
Name	Ibuprofen impurity B CRS	Batches
Current batch number	11	batch 11 is valid at this date
Unit quantity per vial	1.15 ML	batch 10 : validity until 31 January 2025
Number of vials per sales unit	1	batch 11 is valid at this date
Used in monograph(s)	0721	RS webshop
Assigned content	See Leaflet	
Additional information		
Leaflet	<a href="#">click to download the leaflet</a>	
Chemical hazard	<a href="#">Click to download Safety Data Sheet</a>	
Biological hazard	none identified	
SDS Product Code	201601020	
CAS Registry Number	N/A	
Origin	n/a	
Proposed Import HS code	291639	
EDQM long term storage conditions	+5°C+/-3°C	
Dispatching conditions	Ambient temp.	
UN Code	1648	
Shipping group	A1A	
Price	79 EUR	
Availability	Available	
Sales restriction	No	

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# Batch Validity Statement (BVS)

BUT : batch 10 is still valid until 31/05/2025 → Check online BVS

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**EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA REFERENCE STANDARDS (CRS) & (BRP)**  
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**Phone:** +33 (0)3 88 41 30 30  
**Fax:** +33 (0)3 88 41 27 71  
**Internet:** <http://www.edqm.eu>

Batch 10 is still official at the time  
of printing (23/07/2024)

Name	Ibuprofen impurity B CRS
Catalogue code	B1220000
Batch number*	10
Assigned value	See leaflet
Validity	Batch 10 : validity until 31 January 2025
Additional information	
Storage conditions	Recommended EDQM storage conditions for unopened containers : +5°C+/-3°C
Safety data	Safety Data Sheet is available from the detailed view or upon request.
Leaflet	Click on the hyperlink to download the leaflet containing the instructions for use, <a href="#">click to download the leaflet</a>
Origin	Click on the hyperlink to download the origin to check if import permit is required in your country, <a href="#">click to download Origin Of Goods.pdf</a>

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# Proving validity



**BATCH VALIDITY STATEMENT**  
**EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA REFERENCE STANDARDS (CRS) & (BRP)**  
*This Batch Validity Statement has to be used in conjunction with Ph. Eur. general chapter 51200 Reference Standards.*

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Name	Ibuprofen impurity B CRS
Catalogue code	B1220000
Batch number*	11
Assigned value	See leaflet
Validity	Batch 11 is valid at this date
Additional information	
Storage conditions	Recommended EDQM storage conditions for unopened containers : +5°C/-3°C
Safety data	Safety Data Sheet is available from the detailed view or upon request.
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At the time of analysis:

- Print out the BVS and
- Stick the peel-off label.

This ensure that you have used the official CRS at the time of use

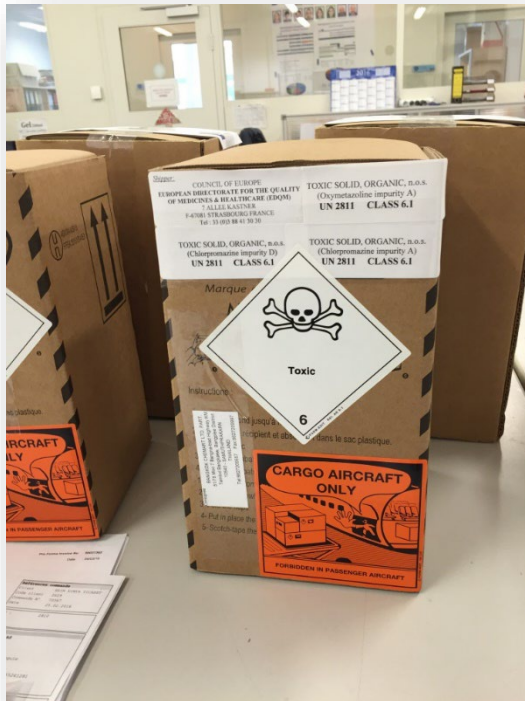


# Shipping and Storing

# Packing materials



Packing materials (carton, boxes) are selected to minimise the risk of damage during transport and are compliant to the transport regulation prescription when applicable (IATA, ADR, IMDG).



# Packing materials



Packing materials should ensure respect of T° for three days.

## *Specifications*

+5°C ➔ +1°C / +8°C

-20°C ➔ -15°C / -25°C

Dry ice ➔ -70°C / -50°C



# Dispatch and Storage Conditions

## *Dispatching conditions:*

- Ambient temperature
- Under ice
- Under dry ice

## *Recommended storage conditions:*

- +5°C or -20°C
- +5°C or -20°C
- -20°C or -80°C or Liq. N<sub>2</sub>

Dispatch at ambient temperature – short excursions from the long-term storage temperature during shipping do not impact the quality of the reference standard.





# Storage conditions

EDQM storage conditions are established for **long-term** storage.

They are based on :

- Stability data,
- Data received from supplier of the bulk material,
- Monitoring,
- Literature,
- Ph. Eur. information.

User is free to adopt other storage conditions, under its own responsibility.



# Storage conditions

For optimal stability, storage temperature **one level below monograph prescription, if any.**

- Room temperature → +5°C
- +2 to 8°C → -20°C (if possible, liquids...)
- Under -15°C → -20°C
- -20°C → -80°C (if possible)
- -50°C → -80°C
- -80°C → liquid nitrogen



# Shipping and Storing – In case of new data

In case new data is generated and has an impact, an information is published in the [RS News](#) published on the EDQM website usually the month before the change is implemented.

## Information on change of EDQM storage/shipping conditions

Based on new stability information, storage and shipping conditions has been changed on **15 June 2024** for the following reference standard:

- > Captopril impurity J CRS (Y0001450) **batch 3** is stored at -20°C (previously +5°C) and remain shipped at ambient temperature.

We also try to inform users in advance in other cases (e.g. change in sales unit / prices / amount per unit).

## Change of sales units

- > None

## Information on change of amount per unit

- > Testosterone enantate impurity H CRS (Y0001313) **batch 2** contains 15 mg per unit (10 mg previously)
- > Asparagine impurity C CRS (Y0002076) **batch 2** contains 15 mg per unit (10 mg previously)
- > Zidovudine for system suitability A CRS (Y0002266) **batch 2** contains 15 mg per unit (10 mg previously)

## Information on change of price

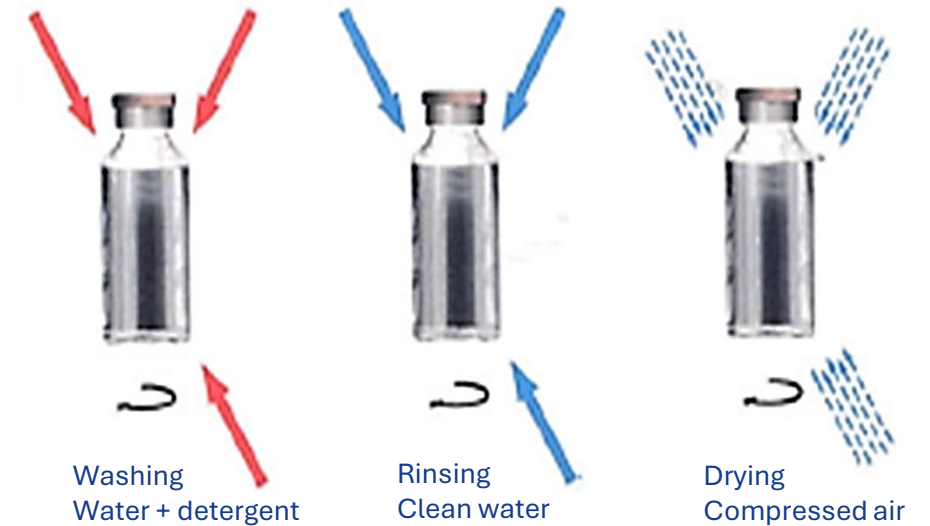
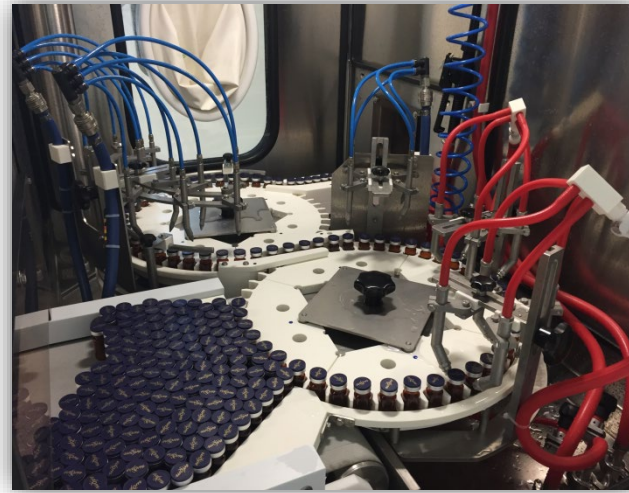
- > None





# Vials washing

The external part of the vials containing Substances of Very High Concern is washed after manufacturing to protect staff using CRS.





Search ICRS RS



# Other sources of information & FAQ





# RS Newsletter

The RS Newsletter contains:

- New and Replacement batches
- Removed (and future removal) items

*Removed RS are kept for an additional 12 months in the catalogue for RA requirements in some countries (6 months for sale -if stock available- and 6 additional months to print documents)*

- Change of sales unit, price, quantity
- Information on changes of storage / shipping conditions

*Unless QA issue, changes are announced in advance (change will occur on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next month, if possible)*

**Subscribe to the EDQM's RS Newsletter:**

<https://www.edqm.eu/en/rs-newsletter1>

# FAQ



Directly available from the website.

## TOP 10 Questions



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- How can I obtain the CoA?

The EDQM does not provide certificate of analysis.

Needed data is available in the information leaflet.

If you want to use the RS for another use, it is done under your responsibility.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- I do not find the expiry date

No expiry date is provided. It is down to the user to demonstrate that the CRS/BRP used in an official Ph. Eur. test or assay was current at the time of use. The BVS is used for this purpose. In case of replacement batch, a validity is provided in the online catalogue.

Therefore, it is recommended to purchase only a sufficient amount for analysis and to use the products as soon as possible.

Once the container has been opened, weighing should be carried out immediately. Any further storage and re-use are not warranted.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- I do not find the purity

RS are established for a precise intended use. In case the purity / assigned value / activity is not mentioned in the information leaflet, it means that this value is not needed to carry out the test/assay described in the related monograph(s) and therefore it is not provided.

!! it cannot be assumed to be 100%. The only exception is the purity of an **impurity** CRS, which can be estimated to be 100% for the tests of the monographs, if the EDQM has not stated the purity.

# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- If there are two weights declared: on the label and on the leaflet, which one should I use?

## INFORMATION LEAFLET Ph. Eur. Reference Standard VERBENALIN CRS batch 2

### 1. Identification

Catalogue code: Y0000661

### 2. Scientific Information

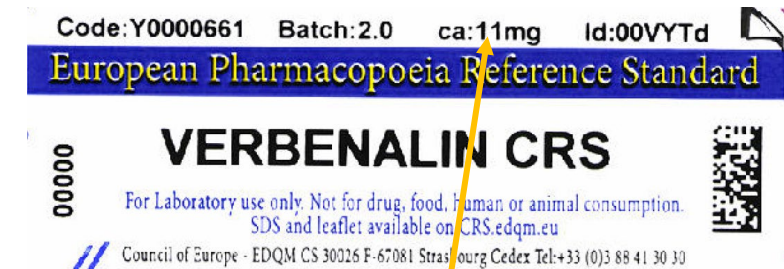
#### 2.1 Intended use

Reference Standard for laboratory tests as prescribed in the European Pharmacopoeia only.  
Established for use with the monograph(s): 1854.

#### 2.2 Analytical information related to intended use, when applicable

The "as is" content is : **1.00 mg of C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>10</sub>**

Declared content to be used for  
analytical purpose



« gravimetric » weight declared for customs  
(may also be on the leaflet)

!! ca quantity

In this case: freeze drying qty =  
(API+excipients)



## FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- I cannot recover the quantity from the vial

Each vial or ampoule is individually weighed during manufacturing and therefore contains a quantity sufficient for the prescribed use.

Nevertheless, since there is usually a very low quantity, the product may be distributed between the inner surface and the rubber stopper.

To avoid this problem and recover the full quantity, we usually recommend gently tapping the bottom of the vial several time in order to bring down the product. You can also use an anti-magnetic device to easily collect the powder.

If the test / product allows, you can also work by differential weighing.





## FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- The parcel arrived with cool packs thawed, is it suitable for use, may I obtain stability data?

Excursion outside recommended temperature usually does not jeopardise the quality of the RS.

In case of question, the EDQM will analyse the case with available data and will make a recommendation, if possible.

Stability data cannot be shared.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- Is there a QMS applied to RS? May I have a copy of the certificate?

The EDQM follows the principle of ISO 9001 and ISO 17034 for the conduct of laboratory studies and RS production.

The EDQM laboratory is ISO 17025 accredited for several analytical techniques used in the RS establishment.

The certificate is available from the [website](#) (EDQM / About us)



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- May I store the RS at different conditions than those stated in the catalogue?

The storage conditions mentioned in the catalogue are intended to preserve the integrity of the CRS during **long-term** storage.

We base our conditions on supplier's information, stability data (when available), monitoring data and bibliography.

Our storage conditions are in most cases more stringent than those given in the monograph.

Provided that you can demonstrate that the RS is fit for use at your chosen T°, nothing prevent you to do so.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- I want an old BVS / leaflet

For the leaflet, it can be provided on request.

For the BVS, it is not possible.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

- I disagree with the CAS number provided in the catalogue

The CAS numbers provided are not independently verified by the EDQM.

They are provided only to help the user and most of the time refer to the CAS number of the parent substance mentioned in the Pharmacopoeia, so it can differ.

If you identify a discrepancy, please contact the EDQM via the Helpdesk.



# FAQ – TOP 10 Questions

Still a question?

## Helpdesk

Directly available from the website with a direct link to FAQs



[Visit the EDQM FAQs](#)  
[Consult the user manual](#)

Please select a main topic from the menu on the left, and then choose the query form most relevant to your request from the menu on the right. To help us to provide you the best possible service, **please use one query form per request and please write your text in French or in English.**  
You may also use the search bar to find any relevant information that may be present in our FAQs.

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