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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Council of Europe is an international organisation based in Strasbourg, France.

It was set up by the Statute of the Council of Europe, signed in London on 5 May 1949, and is governed by the Statute and the various agreements, statutory resolutions and other texts pertaining thereto, which provide, inter alia, for the Organisation's privileges and immunities. These texts can be consulted at <http://conventions.coe.int>.

The European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare (EDQM) is part of the Council of Europe and its operations benefit from the privileges and immunities referred to above.

In particular, according to Article 7 of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe:

"The Council, its assets, income and other property shall be exempt:

- (a) from all direct taxes; the Council will not, however, claim exemption from rates, taxes or dues which are no more than charges for public utility services;*
- (b) from all customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles required by the Council for its official use; articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the country into which they are imported, except under conditions approved by the government of that country."*

In the light of the above, the goods transported shall be considered of "diplomatic origin" with special status and the Council of Europe EDQM shall be considered as manufacturer of these goods, although its components may originate from different countries in the world.

The Council of Europe cannot provide the Certificate EUR1 / movement certificate / certificate of origin.

The special status of the transferred goods does not prevent the customs authority from granting the importer a release only after it has itself settled and paid the duties and taxes.

For any additional information, please contact the Council of Europe Protocol (contact details below).



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