

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1076]

**Determination That PRONESTYL (Procainamide Hydrochloride) Injectable and Other Drug Products Were Not Withdrawn From Sale for Reasons of Safety or Effectiveness****AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) has determined that the drug products listed in this document were not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination means that FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) that refer to these drug products, and it will allow FDA to continue to approve ANDAs that refer to the products as long as they meet relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1984, Congress enacted the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417) (the 1984 amendments), which authorized the approval of duplicate versions of drug products approved under an ANDA procedure. ANDA applicants must, with certain exceptions, show that the drug for which they are seeking approval contains the same active ingredient in the same strength and dosage form as the “listed drug,” which is a version of the drug that was previously approved. ANDA applicants do not have to repeat the extensive clinical testing otherwise necessary to gain approval of a new drug application (NDA).

The 1984 amendments include what is now section 505(j)(7) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(j)(7)), which requires FDA to publish a list of all approved drugs. FDA publishes this list as part of the “Approved Drug Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations,”

which is generally known as the “Orange Book.” Under FDA regulations, a drug is removed from the list if the Agency withdraws or suspends approval of the drug’s NDA or ANDA for reasons of safety or effectiveness, or if FDA determines that the listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness (21 CFR 314.162).

Under § 314.161(a) (21 CFR 314.161(a)), the Agency must determine whether a listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness: (1) Before an ANDA that refers to that listed drug may be approved, (2) whenever a listed drug is voluntarily withdrawn from sale and ANDAs that refer to the listed drug have been approved, and (3) when a person petitions for such a determination under 21 CFR 10.25(a) and 10.30. Section 314.161(d) provides that if FDA determines that a listed drug was withdrawn from sale for safety or effectiveness reasons, the Agency will initiate proceedings that could result in the withdrawal of approval of the ANDAs that refer to the listed drug.

FDA has become aware that the drug products listed in the table in this document are no longer being marketed.

Application No.	Drug name	Active ingredient(s)	Strength(s)	Dosage form/route	Applicant
NDA 007335 ...	PRONESTYL .....	Procainamide Hydrochloride.	100 milligrams (mg)/milliliter (mL); 500 mg/mL. 250 mg; 375 mg; 500 mg .....	Injectable; Injection ...	Apothecon Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.
NDA 016020 ...	SYMMETREL .....	Amantadine Hydrochloride.	100 mg .....	Capsule; Oral. Capsule; Oral .....	Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc. Warner Chilcott LLC.
NDA 018127 ...	OVCON-35 .....	Ethinyl Estradiol; Norethindrone.	0.035 mg; 0.4 mg .....	Tablet; Oral-21 .....	Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
NDA 018309 ...	TOPICORT LP .....	Desoximetasone .....	0.05% .....	Cream; Topical .....	Forest Laboratories, Inc.
NDA 021431 ...	CAMPRAL .....	Acamprosate Calcium	333 mg .....	Delayed-release Tablets; Oral.	Apothecon Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.
NDA 050195 ...	OXACILLIN SODIUM .....	Oxacillin Sodium .....	Equivalent to (EQ) 250 mg base/vial; EQ 500 mg base/vial; EQ 1 gram (g) base/vial; EQ 2 g base/vial; EQ 4 g base/vial.	Injectable; Injection ...	GlaxoSmithKline
ANDA 061334	BACTOCILL .....	Oxacillin Sodium .....	EQ 500 mg base/vial; EQ 1 g base/vial; EQ 2 g base/vial; EQ 4 g base/vial; EQ 10 g base/vial.	Injectable; Injection ...	Teva Parenteral
ANDA 075730	THIOTEPA .....	Thiotepa .....	15 mg/vial; 30 mg/vial .....	Injectable; Injection ...	ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
ANDA 077612	SULFAMETHOXAZOLE AND TRIMETHOPRIM.	Sulfamethoxazole; Trimethoprim.	200 mg/5 mL; 40 mg/5 mL .....	Suspension; Oral .....	

FDA has reviewed its records and, under § 314.161, has determined that the drug products listed in this document were not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. Accordingly, the Agency will continue to list the drug products listed in this document in the “Discontinued Drug Product List” section of the Orange Book. The “Discontinued Drug Product List” identifies, among other items, drug products that have been discontinued

from marketing for reasons other than safety or effectiveness.

Approved ANDAs that refer to the NDAs and ANDAs listed in this document are unaffected by the discontinued marketing of the products subject to those NDAs and ANDAs. Additional ANDAs that refer to these products may also be approved by the Agency if they comply with relevant legal and regulatory requirements. If FDA determines that labeling for these drug products should be revised to meet

current standards, the Agency will advise ANDA applicants to submit such labeling.

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