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Dear Healthcare Professional,

**RE: PEGASYS® peginterferon alfa-2a injection (Ireland) Update
October 2025**

Echo Therapeutics, the supplier of **PEGASYS® peginterferon alfa-2a 135 mcg (AUST R: 91836) and 180 mcg (AUST R: 91837)** wishes to provide an update on the shortage of both presentations of Australian labelled Pegasys®. Supply of alternative products, **PEGASYS® peginterferon alfa-2a 135 micrograms/0.5 mL injection (Ireland) and PEGASYS® peginterferon alfa-2a 180 micrograms/0.5 mL injection pre-filled syringe (Ireland)**, continues under Section 19A of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* is expected to continue into Quarter 1 2026.

October 2025 Update

The next batch of Irish labelled Pegasys® **will predominantly be 135 mcg strength**. This will impact patients routinely prescribed the 180mcg strength. Graduation marks on the 135mcg strength syringe exist at the 45mcg, 90 mcg and 135mcg doses, which is the same as the Australian labelled Pegasys®.

Clinicians may need to write a new prescription for 135 mcg and manage their patient's clinical needs accordingly. The supply of the S19a 135mcg presentation is expected from mid-November and we will continue to supply the S19a 180mcg currently in stock until then. Both presentations are available via the PBS general listing.

Ongoing Points to Note

- Current supply channels will remain, i.e. supply will continue via JustMeds (Pegasys® home delivery program) and hospitals until steady supply is re-established. Home Delivery Patients will continue to send prescriptions to Rx@justmeds.com.au and JustMeds PO Box 598 Mosman NSW 2088.
- Irish labelled Pegasys® 135 mcg comes as a single pre-filled syringe pack with one injection needle. This single Irish labelled Pegasys® will be grouped into a pack of four prior to dispensing by JustMeds .
- Irish labelled Pegasys® 180 mcg strength has graduation marks at the 90 mcg, 135 mcg and 180 mcg doses, which is the same as the Australian labelled Pegasys®. This strength will only be supplied via hospitals.
- For hospitals, the Symbion ordering code for Irish labelled Pegasys® 180 mcg 4 x PFS Section 19A product is PDE 845248.

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Kind Regards,

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