



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 50-706/S-022

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
Attention: Judy W. Firor
Director, Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Ms. Firor:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated December 11, 2006, received December 11, 2006, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Merrem[®] I.V.(meropenem for injection) 500 mg and 1g.

This application is subject to the exemption provisions contained in section 125(d)(2) of Title I of the FDA Modernization Act of 1997.

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the **WARNINGS** and **PRECAUTIONS/Information For Patients** sections to include information on *Clostridium difficile* associated disease (CDAD).

We completed our review of this application, as amended. This application is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(1)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format submitted on December 11, 2006.

We note that your December 11, 2006 submission includes final printed labeling (FPL) for your package insert. You are responsible for assuring that the wording in this printed labeling is identical to that of the approved content of labeling in the structured product labeling (SPL) format.

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH
Food and Drug Administration
5515 Security Lane
HFD-001, Suite 5100
Rockville, MD 20852

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Susmita Samanta, MD, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0803.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure: Labeling submitted on December 11, 2006

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