



NDA 22518/S-008

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

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Attention: Michael Belman  
Director & Liaison, Global Regulatory Affairs

Dear Mr. Belman:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated July 13, 2012, received July 16, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Dulera (mometasone furoate/formoterol fumarate) Inhalation Aerosol.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated November 30, 2012.

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application proposes revised labeling to emphasize instructions for patients to remove the cap from the actuator before using and to include consistent post-marketing language from the Asmanex (mometasone) Twisthaler and Foradil (formoterol) Aerolizer USPI.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text and with the minor editorial revisions indicated in the enclosed labeling.

**CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to, except with the revisions indicated, the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the Medication Guide) with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes with the revisions approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes, and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

### **REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your supplemental application, you are exempt from this requirement.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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 Christine Chung, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-3420.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling

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