



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 021529/S-018

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Organon USA Inc., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.  
Attention: Tonja Hampton, M.D., Director, Global Regulatory Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Hampton:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received October 15, 2018, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for NEXPLANON® (etonogestrel implant) 68 mg.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application provides for updates to include clarifying information regarding the insertion and removal of the Nexplanon® implant to the following sections of the labeling:

- Dosage and Administration
- Warnings and Precautions
- Patient Package Insert

**APPROVAL & LABELING**

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

## **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 the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert), 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. If the content of labeling in SPL format initially submitted with this CBE-0 labeling supplement is identical to the attached approved labeling, an additional submission of content of labeling in SPL format is not required.

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 from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also, within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes 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 Microsoft Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes. To facilitate review of your submission(s), 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 (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), 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 in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your 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 Charlene Williamson, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1025.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling  
Prescribing Information  
Patient Package Insert

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**This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically. Following this are manifestations of any and all electronic signatures for this electronic record.**  
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