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## Approval Package for:

*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**021187Orig1s034**

*Trade Name:*      **NuvaRing**

*Generic Name:*    **etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol**

*Sponsor:*         **Organon USA Inc.**

*Approval Date:*    **12/04/2017**

*Indications:*      NuvaRing is an estrogen/progestin combination hormonal contraceptive (CHC) indicated for use by women to prevent pregnancy.

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 021187/S-034

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Organon USA Inc  
Attention: Shawn Moylan  
Regulatory Liaison, Global Regulatory Affairs  
351 North Sumneytown Pike  
P.O.Box 1000, UG2C-50  
North Wales, PA 19454

Dear Mr. Moylan:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received June 9, 2017, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for NuvaRing® (etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol) Vaginal Insert.

This “Changes Being Effected in 30 days” supplemental new drug application provides for a change to the sachet to add a (b) (4) label on the foil pouch sachet.

**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.

**CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS**

We acknowledge your June 9, 2017, submission containing final printed carton and container labels.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

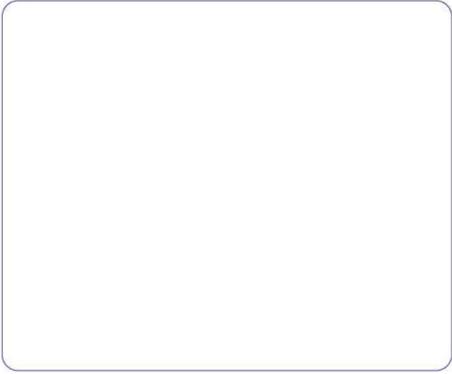
If you have any questions, call Rey Cantave, Regulatory Business Process Manager, at (240) 402 - 4035.

Sincerely,

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David Lewis, PhD  
Acting Branch Chief  
Division of Post-Marketing Activities I  
Office of Lifecycle Drug Products  
Office of Pharmaceutical Quality  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure:  
Carton and Container Labeling

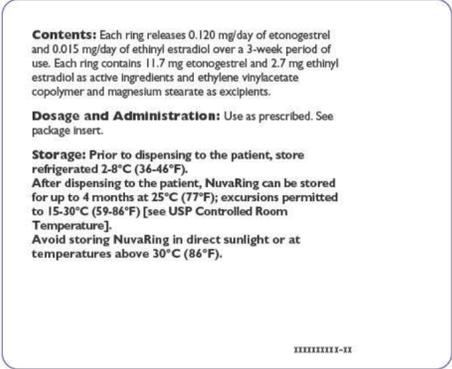


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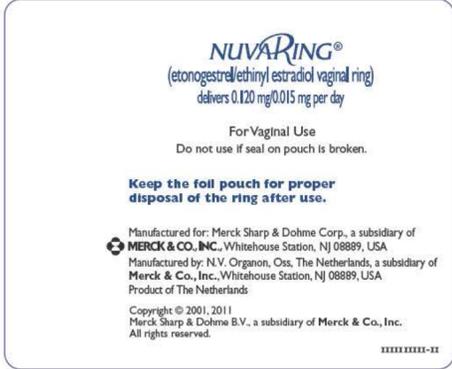


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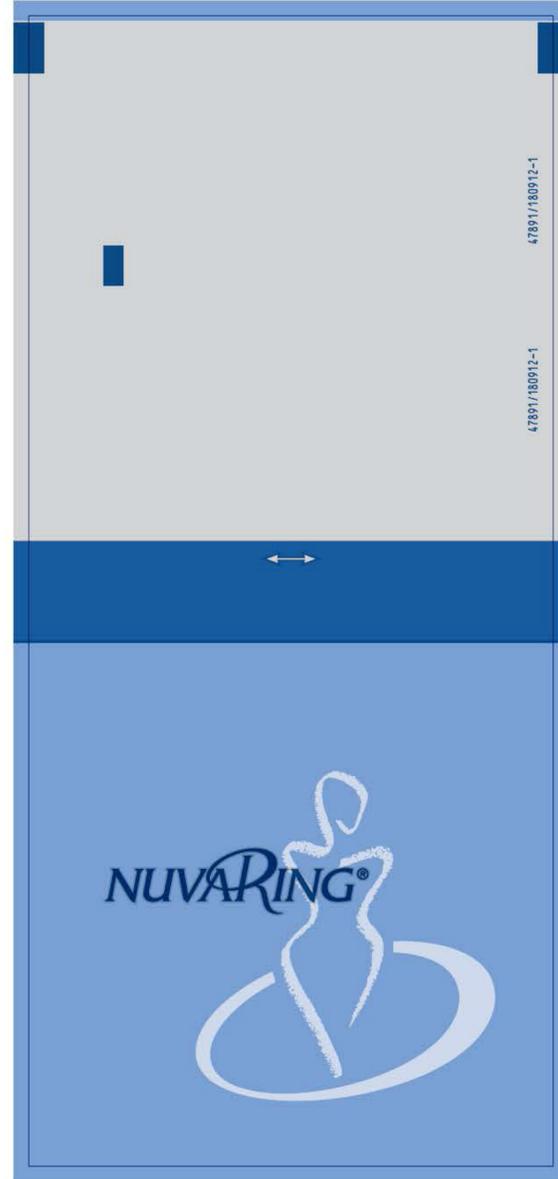
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**CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)**

**Office of Lifecycle Drug Products  
Division of Post-Marketing Activities I  
Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls**

1. **NDA Supplement Number:** NDA 21187/ S-034

2. **Submission(s) Being Reviewed:**

Submission	Type	Submission Date	CDER Stamp Date	Internal date	PDUFA Goal Date	Review Date
21187/ S34	CBE-30	9-Jun-2017	9-Jun-2017	24-Nov-2017	9-Dec-2017	17-Nov-2017

3. **Provides For:**

This supplement provides for a change to the sachet to add a (b) (4) label on the foil pouch sachet.

4. **Review #:** 1

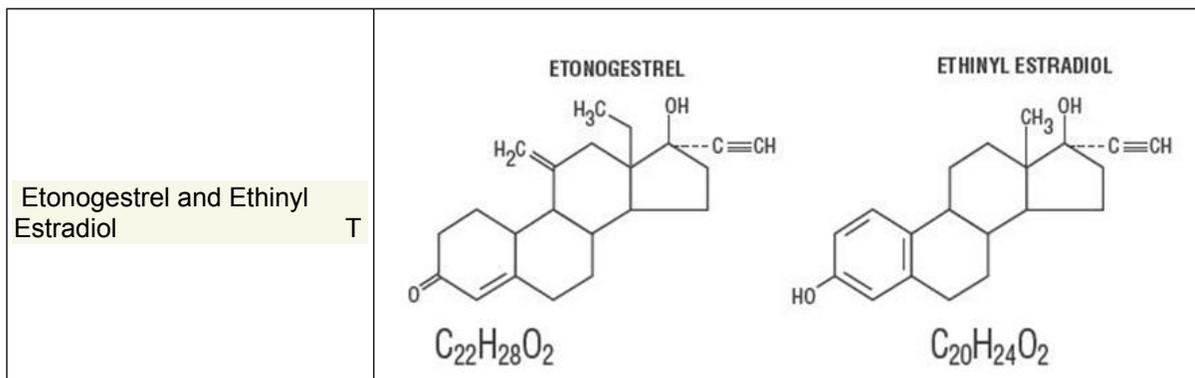
5. **Clinical Division:** Bone, Reproductive, and Urology Drugs

6. **Name and Address of Applicant:**

Organon USA Inc., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.  
2000 Galloping Hill Road  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

7. **Drug Product:**

Drug Name	Dosage Form	Strength	Route of Administration	Rx or OTC	Special Product
NUVARING- etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol insert, extended release	Insert	0.120 mg eto/ 0.015 mg EE	vaginal	Rx.	N/A.

**8. Name and Structure of Drug Substances:**

9. **Indication:** prevention of pregnancy

10. **Supporting/Related Documents:** N/A

11. **Consults:** DMEPA: Recommend Approval. Review by Walter Fava.

**12. Executive Summary:**

The NuvaRing is provided in a foil sachet. The current sachet has labeled information printed directly on the foil sachet. This supplement proposes to move the labeled information to the front of the sachet and to add the labeling information via (b) (4). The adhesive used to affix the label will not introduce any leachables to the ring as the sachet is constructed from a foil matrix.

No change is being made in any of the approved text. The DMEPA reviewer has evaluated this change and recommends approval.

**13. Conclusions & Recommendations:**

**Approval**

14. **Comments/Deficiencies to be Conveyed to Applicant:** None

**15. Primary Reviewer:**

Jean Salemme, Ph.D., CMC reviewer, Branch 2, Division of Post-Marketing Activities I, Office of Lifecycle Drug Products, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)

**16. Secondary Reviewer:**

David Lewis, Ph.D., Acting Branch Chief, Branch 2, Division of Post-Marketing Activities I, Office of Lifecycle Drug Products, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)

**CMC Assessment**

**Background**

The NuvaRing is provided in a foil sachet. Labeling on the container is printed directly on the sachet.

**Proposed Changes**

This supplement proposes to add move the labeling text to the front portion of the sachet pouch, and affix the labeling text via  (b) (4) :



From the DMEPA review, by Walter Fava:

### 3 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE MATERIALS REVIEWED

Our review of the revised sachet label notes the proposed revised sachet label relocates information from the back of the sachet, to the front of the sachet in a 'peel back' format using (b) (4) labeling.

Our review of the proposed changes to the sachet label finds the expiration dating information, 'For the Dispenser' has not been included with the (b) (4) labeling, but does appear on the outer carton where the dispenser is instructed to apply an adhesive expiration sticker provided in the carton on each sachet, since the expiration date should not exceed either 4 months from the date of removing from the refrigerator for dispensing or the pre-printed expiration date, whichever comes first. We find this acceptable.

As part of our evaluation we considered whether the proposed changes to the sachet label would require updates to the Prescriber Information (PI) or carton labeling; however, our evaluation did not identify any necessary changes at this time. We find the sachet label revision does not pose increased risk of medication errors.

#### 1. APPENDIX A. PRODUCT INFORMATION/PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

- Table 2 presents relevant product information for NuvaRing that Merck submitted on June 9, 2017.

3. Table 2. Relevant Product Information for NuvaRing	
4. Initial Approval Date	5. October 3, 2001
6. Active Ingredient	7. Etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol
8. Indication	9. Prevention of pregnancy
10. Route of Administration	11. Vaginal
12. Dosage Form	13. Vaginal Ring
14. Strength	15. 0.120 mg/0.015 mg per day
16. Dose and Frequency	17. One ring inserted vaginally for three weeks, then remove for one week
18. How Supplied/Container Closure	19. Carton containing three individually foil recloseable sachet pouches
20. Storage	21. Prior to dispensing to the patient, store refrigerated 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). After dispensing to the patient, NuvaRing can be stored up to 4 months at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature. Avoid storing NuvaRing in direct sunlight or at temperatures about 30°C (86°F).

**Reviewer Comment/Evaluation: Acceptable.**

The DMEPA reviewer has found the proposed change to the labeling on the sachet to be acceptable. This supplement, therefore, is recommended for approval.



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Comments: concur; recommend approval from the standpoint of  
CMC.

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**OTHER REVIEW(S)**

# REGULATORY BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGER LABELING REVIEW

## Office of Program and Regulatory Operations

**Application:** NDA 021187/S-037

**Name of Drug:** Nuvaring® (etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol) Insert

**Applicant:** Organon USA Inc., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.

### **Material Reviewed:**

Material	Submit Date	Receipt Date	Compared to
Carton and Container (Sachet)	June 9, 2017	June 9, 2017	March 2, 2004

### **Background and Summary Description:**

The NuvaRing is provided in a foil sachet. The current sachet has labeled information printed directly on the foil sachet. This supplement proposes to move the labeled information to the front of the sachet and to add the labeling information via [REDACTED] <sup>(b) (4)</sup>. The adhesive used to affix the label will not introduce any leachables to the ring as the sachet is constructed from a foil matrix.

No change is being made in any of the approved text.

Both CMC and DMEPA reviewers have evaluated this change and recommends approval.

## Review

The following are the assessments for each change identified:

### Carton and Container Label:

No changes noted, as printed material from previously approved sachet is no printed via (b) (4)

### Recommendations

The changes to the container label are acceptable if the noted changes are made prior to the next label printing.

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Rey Cantave Regulatory Business Process Manager Office of Programs and Regulatory Operations Office of Pharmaceutical Quality	Date
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Laya Keyvan Quality Assessment Lead (Acting) Office of Programs and Regulatory Operations Office of Pharmaceutical Quality	Date
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**LABEL, LABELING AND PACKAGING REVIEW**

Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA)  
Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM)  
Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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<b>Date of This Review:</b>	November 6, 2017
<b>Requesting Office or Division:</b>	Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)
<b>Application Type and Number:</b>	NDA 021187/S-034
<b>Product Name and Strength:</b>	NuvaRing (etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol)
<b>Product Type:</b>	Combination Product
<b>Rx or OTC:</b>	Rx
<b>Applicant/Sponsor Name:</b>	Merck
<b>Submission Date:</b>	June 9, 2017
<b>OSE RCM #:</b>	2017-2188
<b>DMEPA Safety Evaluator:</b>	Walter Fava RPh., MSED.
<b>DMEPA Team Leader:</b>	Lolita White, PharmD.

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## 1 REASON FOR REVIEW

The Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ), requested that we review the revised sachet label for NuvaRing to determine if it is acceptable from a medication error perspective. Merck submitted a CBE-30 Labeling supplement to provide for revisions to the sachet label to include relocating information from the back side of the sachet, and presenting the information on the front of the sachet using a 'peel-back' label.

## 2 MATERIALS REVIEWED

We considered the materials listed in Table 1 for this review. The Appendices provide the methods and results for each material reviewed.

<b>Table 1. Materials Considered for this Label and Labeling Review</b>	
<b>Material Reviewed</b>	<b>Appendix Section (for Methods and Results)</b>
Product Information/Prescribing Information	A
Previous DMEPA Reviews	B
Human Factors Study	C (N/A)
ISMP Newsletters	D
FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)*	E (N/A)
Other	F (N/A)
Labels and Labeling	G

N/A=not applicable for this review

\*We do not typically search FAERS for our label and labeling reviews unless we are aware of medication errors through our routine postmarket safety surveillance

## 3 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE MATERIALS REVIEWED

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#### **4 CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

We find the proposed revised [REDACTED] <sup>(b) (4)</sup> (e.g. peel back) sachet label for NuvaRing acceptable from a medication error perspective, and we have no additional recommendations at this time.

##### **4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERCK**

We find the proposed revised [REDACTED] <sup>(b) (4)</sup> (e.g. peel back) sachet label for NuvaRing acceptable from a medication error perspective and we have no additional recommendations at this time.

## APPENDICES: METHODS & RESULTS FOR EACH MATERIALS REVIEWED

### APPENDIX A. PRODUCT INFORMATION/PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Table 2 presents relevant product information for NuvaRing that Merck submitted on June 9, 2017.

<b>Table 2. Relevant Product Information for NuvaRing</b>	
<b>Initial Approval Date</b>	October 3, 2001
<b>Active Ingredient</b>	Etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol
<b>Indication</b>	Prevention of pregnancy
<b>Route of Administration</b>	Vaginal
<b>Dosage Form</b>	Vaginal Ring
<b>Strength</b>	0.120 mg/0.015 mg per day
<b>Dose and Frequency</b>	One ring inserted vaginally for three weeks, then remove for one week
<b>How Supplied/Container Closure</b>	Carton containing three individually foil recloseable sachet pouches
<b>Storage</b>	Prior to dispensing to the patient, store refrigerated 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). After dispensing to the patient, NuvaRing can be stored up to 4 months at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature. Avoid storing NuvaRing in direct sunlight or at temperatures about 30°C (86°F).

## APPENDIX B. PREVIOUS DMEPA REVIEWS

On November 3, 2017, we searched DMEPA's previous reviews using the terms, NuvaRing. Our search identified three previous reviews<sup>a, b, c</sup>, and we confirmed our previous recommendation were implemented.

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(b) (4)

<sup>b</sup>Fava, W. Label, Labeling, and Human Factors Review for NuvaRing (NDA 21187/S-027). Silver Spring (MD): FDA, CDER, OSE, DMEPA (US); 2016 Sept 02. RCM No.: 2016-1460.

<sup>c</sup> Fava, W. Review of Revised Label and Labeling for NuvaRing (NDA 21187/S-027). Silver Spring (MD): FDA, CDER, OSE, DMEPA (US); 2016 Sept 29 . RCM No.: 2016-1460-1.

## APPENDIX C. HUMAN FACTORS STUDY

N/A

## APPENDIX D. ISMP NEWSLETTERS

### D.1 Methods

On November 3, 2017, we searched the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) newsletters using the criteria below, and then individually reviewed each newsletter. We limited our analysis to newsletters that described medication errors or actions possibly associated with the label and labeling.

ISMP Newsletters Search Strategy	
ISMP Newsletter(s)	Acute Care, Community, and Nursing
Search Strategy and Terms	Match Exact Word or Phrase: NuvaRing

### D.2 Results

No reports identified from the search.

## APPENDIX F. N/A

## APPENDIX G. LABELS AND LABELING

### G.1 List of Labels and Labeling Reviewed

Using the principles of human factors and Failure Mode and Effects Analysis,<sup>d</sup> along with postmarket medication error data, we reviewed the following NuvaRing labels and labeling submitted by Merck on June 6, 2017 and October 27, 2017.

- Container label
- Carton labeling

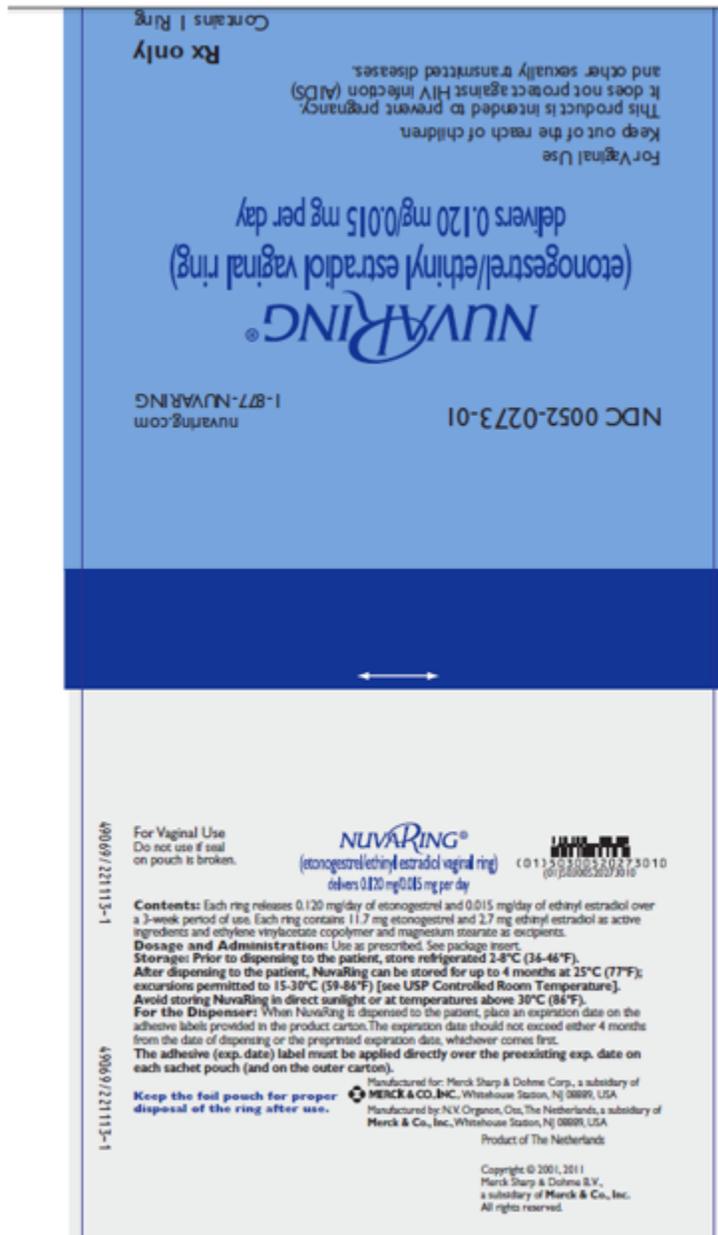
### G.2 Label and Labeling Images

Proposed (b) (4) label presentation for sachet

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<sup>d</sup> Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). Failure Modes and Effects Analysis. Boston. IHI:2004.

**Currently marketed sachet label (from 2016 Annual Report)**



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**ADMINISTRATIVE and CORRESPONDENCE**  
**DOCUMENTS**

## REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

TO (Division/Office):

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NAME OF DRUG  
NuvaRing® (etonogestrel and  
ethinyl estradiol) Vaginal Ring,  
0.120 mg/0.015 mg

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION  
URGENT

CLASSIFICATION OF DRUG  
**CONTRACEPTIVE**

DESIRED COMPLETION DATE  
11.13.2017

NAME OF FIRM:

### REASON FOR REQUEST

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#### II. BIOMETRICS

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- CHEMISTRY REVIEW  
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#### III. BIOPHARMACEUTICS

- DISSOLUTION  
 BIOAVAILABILTY STUDIES  
 PHASE IV STUDIES

- DEFICIENCY LETTER RESPONSE  
 PROTOCOL-BIOPHARMACEUTICS  
 IN-VIVO WAIVER REQUEST

#### IV. DRUG EXPERIENCE

- PHASE IV SURVEILLANCE/EPIDEMIOLOGY PROTOCOL  
 DRUG USE e.g. POPULATION EXPOSURE, ASSOCIATED  
 DIAGNOSES  
 CASE REPORTS OF SPECIFIC REACTIONS (List below)  
 COMPARATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT ON GENERIC DRUG GROUP

- REVIEW OF MARKETING EXPERIENCE, DRUG USE AND SAFETY  
 SUMMARY OF ADVERSE EXPERIENCE  
 POISON RISK ANALYSIS

#### V. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

CLINICAL

PRECLINICAL

#### COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

**Consult DMEPA for their opinion about changes to the sachet package.**

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REYNOLDS B. CANTAVE, PHARMD

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**CBE SUPPLEMENT –  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Organon USA Inc., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.  
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Regulatory Liaison, Global Regulatory Affairs  
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North Wales, PA 19454

Dear Mr. Moylan:

We have received your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA or the Act) for the following:

**NDA NUMBER:** 021187  
**SUPPLEMENT NUMBER:** 034  
**PRODUCT NAME:** NuvaRing® (etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol) Vaginal Ring,  
0.120 mg/0.015 mg  
**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** June 9, 2017  
**DATE OF RECEIPT:** June 9, 2017

This supplemental application, submitted as a “Changes Being Effected in 30 days” supplement, proposes the following changes: A change to the Nuvaring sachet package, to use a (b) (4) or stick-on label, rather than a printed-on back label, for labeling the Nuvaring sachet package.

Unless we notify you within 60 days of the receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, we will file the application on August 8, 2017 in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

If the application is filed, the goal date will be December 9, 2017.

## **CONTENT OF LABELING**

If you have not already done so, promptly submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50 (I)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format to the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST) as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that includes the proposed labeling changes, with the addition of any labeling changes in pending previously submitted CBE supplements. Failure to submit the content of labeling in SPL format may result in a refusal-to-file action.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Cite the application number listed above at the top of the first page of all submissions to this application. Send all submissions, electronic or paper, including those sent by overnight mail or courier, to the following address:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Bone, Reproductive, and Urologic Products  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

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If you have questions, contact Rey Cantave, Regulatory Business Process Manager,  
at (240) 402-4035.

Sincerely,

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