



IMPORTANT INFORMATION
TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF RILUTEK (riluzole) 50 mg FILM-COATED TABLET

Sanofi-aventis Canada Inc. would like to inform you of an anticipated market shortage in Canada of Rilutek (riluzole) 50 mg film-coated tablet. The anticipated shortage is due to difficulties at the level of the availability of the active ingredient (riluzole).

The anticipated shortage is not due to a safety issue. There is no risk to patients for batches currently on the market and Rilutek can continue to be used.

In Canada, the temporary shortage is expected to begin on December 16, 2019. Sanofi is making all efforts to mitigate the impact of any shortage at patient level and to return to a routine supply situation as soon as possible.

The table below indicates the estimated depletion date and availability date.

DIN	UPC	PRODUCT	FORMAT	STATUS	
				Estimated depletion date	Estimated availability date
02242763	622337660605	Rilutek 50 mg film-coated tablet	Bottles of 60	December 16, 2019	April 24, 2020

Any update will be communicated via the www.drugshortagescanada.ca website.

A generic of riluzole could be used for patients under ongoing treatment with Rilutek. Following careful assessment of potential differences in presentations, biological availability and dosage recommendations between innovator and generic of riluzole, the patient should be given all relevant information to ensure compliance to treatment and its efficiency.

Healthcare professionals can report adverse reactions occurring with the switched drug, if any, or occurring upon resuming Rilutek, and medication errors. You can report any suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of health products to the Canada Vigilance Program by one of the following three ways:

- Report online at: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect
- Call toll-free at 1-866-234-2345
- Complete a Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and:
 - Fax toll-free to 1-866-678-6789, or
 - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program
Health Canada
Postal Locator 0701C
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

Should you have any questions regarding this situation, please do not hesitate to call sanofi-aventis Canada's Customer Service at 1-800-265-7927.