

Alert from U.S. Food and Drug Administration

RE: Astellas Prescription Drug Products

Astellas recently announced the market withdrawal of specific lots of certain Astellas prescription drug products because a transport trailer containing these products was stolen on June 17, 2009. FDA is committed to protecting the public from receiving stolen drug products that may not have been stored and handled properly and may be dangerous for patients to use.

In support of this mission, FDA is requesting assistance from pharmaceutical drug distributors and pharmacies which may have received unsolicited or suspicious offers for Astellas drug products that were stolen on June 17, 2009 (see link to Astellas press release below). If you received any suspicious or unsolicited offers for these drugs after the date of the theft or think that you may have been sold stolen product, FDA is asking your help in reporting this information to FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) by calling 800-551-3989 or by visiting the OCI web site (<http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/CriminalInvestigations/ucm123025.htm>).

More information about the market withdrawal is available at the Astellas website at the following link:

http://www.astellas.us/press_room/docs/Astellas%20Market%20Withdrawal%20Notice%20Final%20and%20Signed_20090625.pdf

We are requesting that you promptly share this information with your members.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important public health concern.