

Statement From Eli Lilly and Company Regarding Stolen Company Products From Enfield, Connecticut Distribution Operations

INDIANAPOLIS, March 17, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) today issued a statement and details regarding the stolen company products from its distribution operations in Enfield, Connecticut on Sunday, March 14.

Lilly is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations (FDA), and other law enforcement officials, to recover cases of select lots of pharmaceutical products that were stolen from one of Lilly's United States distribution centers located in Enfield, Connecticut, on Sunday, March 14, 2010. A list of products stolen from the facility can be found at the bottom of this press release.

"Since early Sunday morning, Lilly has taken quick and appropriate actions to ensure the safety of our medicines," said Dr. Fionnuala M. Walsh, Lilly's senior vice president of global quality. "The U.S. pharmaceutical distribution system is tightly controlled and monitored, making it extremely difficult for stolen product to make it to patients through legitimate channels. However, we will continue to work closely with local and federal law enforcement authorities, the FDA, and our distribution partners to maintain the integrity of our drug supply chain."

Product from the affected lots which had been delivered from Lilly to retailers, wholesalers or institutions prior to March 14 was approved for its intended use and is not affected by this event. Product containing these lot numbers has been distributed by Lilly within the United States, Puerto Rico and its territories.

These medicines require a prescription for purchase. Consumers should purchase Lilly products only from well-established and reputable retailers. Lilly recommends that consumers always inspect the product and label for signs of tampering before opening.

Lilly is advising practitioners, retailers and consumers to check all pharmaceutical products for signs of tampering or damage prior to purchase and/or use. Pharmacists and other health care professionals should not use the product if it has been removed from the sealed bottle or container, if the induction seal has been compromised, or in the case of glass vials, if the flip cap appears to have been disturbed in any way.

To assist the FDA and the law enforcement agencies in their investigation, Lilly stopped distributing product with the affected lot numbers on Monday, March 15, 2010.

Lilly is asking for the public's help in reporting any information regarding the stolen products to FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) by calling (800) 551-3989 or by visiting the OCI website www.fda.gov/OCI.

For medical or other related inquiries about this matter, contact Lilly at 1-800-LILLYRX (1-800-545-5979).

Impacted Products

Product Description	National Drug Code (NDC)	Lot Number	Expiry Date
ALIMTA FINJ 500MG X1 lyophilizedVIAL AM	00002-7623-01	A671076C	8/31/2011
CYMBALTA CAP 30MG X 30 BTL AM	00002-3240-30	A643056A	5/31/2012
CYMBALTA CAP 30MG X 30 BTL AM	00002-3240-30	A662278C	7/31/2012

CYMBALTA CAP 30MG X 30 BTL AM	00002-3240-30	A662281A 	7/31/2012
CYMBALTA CAP 60MG X30BOTL AM	00002-3270-30	A672999A	9/30/2011
CYMBALTA CAP 60MG X1000BOTL AM	00002-3270-04	A685790A	10/31/2011
EFFIENT TAB 10MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4759-30	A650259A	12/31/2010
GEMZAR 200MG VIALS	00002-7501-01	 A670185A	8/31/2011
GEMZAR 1 GRAM VIALS	00002-7502-01	A668160D	8/31/2011
GEMZAR 1 GRAM VIALS	00002-7502-01	A670177A	9/30/2011
	00002-7502-01		8/31/2011
GEMZAR 1 GRAM VIALS		A670180A 	
GEMZAR 1 GRAM VIALS	00002-7502-01	A670182A 	9/30/2011
PROZAC PULV 20MG X 30 BOTL DP	00777-3105-30	A599046D	1/31/2012
PROZAC PULV 20MG X 30 BOTL DP	00777-3105-30	A689619D	10/31/2012
PROZAC PULV 40MG X 30 BOTL DP	00777-3107-30	A602567A	1/31/2012
STRATTERA CAP 10MG X 30 BOTL AM	00002-3227-30	A621189A	3/31/2012
STRATTERA CAP 25MG X 30 BOTL AM	00002-3228-30	A678353A	2/29/2012
STRATTERA CAP 60MG X 30 BOTL AM	00002-3239-30		3/31/2012
STRATTERA CAP 100MG X30BOTL AM	00002-3251-30		3/31/2012
SYMBYAX CAP 6/25MG X 30 BOTL AM	00002-3231-30	A562684A	10/31/2011
ZYPREXA TAB 2.5MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4112-30	A644710A	5/31/2011
ZYPREXA TAB 5MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4115-30	A668322A	8/31/2011
ZYPREXA TAB 7.5MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4116-30	A646193A	5/31/2011
ZYPREXA TAB 10MG X30BOTL	00002-4117-30		5/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB 10MG X30BOTL			
AM 	00002-4117-30	A668323A	8/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB 15MG X 1000			

BOTL AM	00002-4415-04	A647860A	5/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB 15MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4415-30	A690238A	10/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB 20MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4420-30	A677956A	8/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB 20MG X30BOTL AM	00002-4420-30	A677958C	8/31/2012
ZYPREXA TAB ID100 10MG XID100BLCD AM	00002-4117-33	A632252D	4/30/2012
ZYPREXA ZYDIS TAB 5MG X 30 SACH AM	00002-4453-85	976041A	7/1/2012
ZYPREXA ZYDIS TAB 10MG X 30 SACH AM	00002-4454-85	971159A 	7/1/2012
ZYPREXA ZYDIS TAB 20MG X 30 SACH AM	00002-4456-85	963999A 	5/1/2012

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Alimta(R) (pemetrexed disodium)

Cymbalta(R) (duloxetine hydrochloride)

Effient(TM) (prasugrel)

Gemzar(R) (gemcitabine hydrochloride)

Prozac(R) (fluoxetine hydrochloride)

Strattera(R) (atomoxetine hydrochloride)

Symbyax (olanzapine / fluoxetine hydrochloride)

Zyprexa(R) (olanzapine)

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