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Patrick Williams, Clerk
Standing Committee on Health
Sixth Floor, 131, Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Williams,

I am writing to respond to the motion of the Committee on November 22, regarding the shortages of pediatric analgesics.

Specifically, on November 22, 2022, the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) adopted the following motion:

That for the next six months Health Canada table with the committee every 14 days the number of infant and children's analgesic units that arrived in Canada through exceptional importations that month; and, that this information be provided in both official languages, and the clerk post this information on the committee's website immediately.

Please find attached the Department's response to the order of the Committee. The next report will be provided to the Committee on April 18, 2023.

We are available, as always, to address the Committee's questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Lucas
Deputy Minister of Health

Children's Analgesics

As of April 4, 3,491,780 units of children's pain and fever medications were imported into Canada for hospitals, community pharmacies, and retail outlets. This is an additional 335,500 units imported during the period of March 22 and April 4.

This will continue to supplement the increased domestic production of Canadian supply, which remains at record levels.

Products listed below include both acetaminophen and ibuprofen containing products that Health Canada has authorized to be imported to alleviate the shortage.

List of products eligible for importation

Brand name	Strength	Manufacturer	Date of authorization	Country of authorization	Availability
1. Children's Advil Suspension Bubble gum 4oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	October 17, 2022	United States	Hospitals & Retail
2. Children's Advil Suspension Dye Free Blue Raspberry 4oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	October 17, 2022	United States	Hospitals
3. Tylenol for Babies 1 Month – 2 years 200mL	24 mg/mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	October 20, 2022	Australia	Hospitals
4. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz (120 mL) Grape	160 mg/5 mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	November 10, 2022	United States	Retail
5. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz. (120 mL) Dye Free Cherry	160 mg/5 mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	November 10, 2022	United States	Retail
6. Children's Advil Suspension Bubble gum 4 oz (120mL)	100 mg/5 mL	Haleon	November 30, 2022	United States	Retail & Hospital
7. Genexa Kids' Pain & Fever	160mg/5 mL	Genexa	December 7, 2022	United States	Retail
8. Infants' Advil Concentrated Drops	50mg/1.2 5mL	Haleon	December 8, 2022	United States	Retail & Hospital
9. Parol (Paracetamol) Suspension for children 2 – 11 years (150mL)	24mg/mL	Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.	December 30, 2022	Turkey	Hospitals in Alberta
10. Parol (Paracetamol) Suspension for children 2 – 11 years (150mL)	24mg/mL	Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.	January 26, 2023	Turkey	Pharmacies in Alberta
11. Pedifen (Ibuprofen) Pediatric Syrup	20 mg/mL	Atabay Kimya Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.	February 10, 2023	Turkey	Retail & hospitals (Alberta only)

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12. Children's TYLENOL Oral Suspension 4 oz (120 mL) Dye Free Cherry	160 mg/5 mL	Johnson & Johnson Inc.	February 14, 2023	United States	Retail & Hospital