

**Supplier:** Technologie Transfer Marburg e.V. (TTM)

**Subject:** Supply delays for some products related to general laboratory supplies

**Cause of supply delays:** TTM is facing supply chain constraints with the basic components and raw materials used to manufacture selected general laboratory supplies, particularly for antibiotics, laboratory chemicals, plastic-based consumables, and some disinfectants. Contributing factors include the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, which has affected the logistics of transporting goods through the Suez Canal and led to longer delivery lead times as ships now must take detours.

**Extent of supply delays:** Delays vary based on the quantity ordered. Expected delays will be communicated with each order.

**Expected duration of supply delays:** GDF will continue to update this notice once new information about the duration of the supply delay becomes available.

**GDF mitigation actions:**

- In the short term, GDF is working to identify and contract alternative suppliers of delayed products that meet GDF quality-assurance criteria.
- Over the long term, TTM and GDF are working on expanding the supplier base for the impacted products.
- GDF requests client countries to plan and place orders as early as possible and notify GDF immediately of any concerns around insufficient stock to meet program needs.
- GDF will prioritize available products to avoid stockouts in country programmes whenever possible.
- GDF is working with clients to split orders into multiple, smaller shipments to address immediate client needs.

**Contact Information:** For additional information, or if you need support with order planning, please contact either the GDF Country Supply Officer for your programme or [gdf@stoptb.org](mailto:gdf@stoptb.org)

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