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Subject: Expiration Dating of USP Reference Standards

Dear Valued USP Customer,

USP Reference Standards (RS) do not carry expiration dates in the traditional sense. Instead, they are assigned Valid Use Dates. As long as a lot is listed as being the “current lot” it is valid and suitable for use. Once a current lot is depleted, it becomes the “previous lot.” At this time a valid use date is assigned, which is typically 3-12 months from the date of depletion.

It is the responsibility of the user to ascertain that a particular lot of a USP RS has official status either as a “Current Lot” or as a “Previous Lot” within the valid use date. The USP Reference Standards Catalog and the online USP store are updated daily. USP recommends referring to one of these sources prior to using a USP RS to make sure the lot is valid for use. USP cannot support the use of any USP RS lot after its assigned Valid Use Date.

Regards,

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