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Octaplasma Labelling Updates – Batch and Expiry Dating Formatting

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Dear Colleagues:

Octapharma has updated their Expiry Date formatting and Scannable Bar Codes for SD (Solvent Detergent) Octaplasma.

All bar codes encoded with the batch number will now scan as ISBT 128 bar codes as the appropriate ISBT 128 identifiers have been added.

Expiry date format printed onto the bag label will now include the exact day, month and year in an alphanumeric (DD/MM/YYYY) date format.

Octapharma's letter is included with this communication.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) in the "Hospital Services" section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

Mark Newburgh  
Director, Planning