

D.1 Iodine

MSF supports the proposal for the removal of iodine from “Section 27. Vitamins and Minerals” of both the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children (EMLc).

Due to decrease medical needs and absence of demands for the past 5 years, the manufacturer has started withdrawing the marketing authorizations worldwide and since 2022 all marketing authorizations in export countries (Africa and South-East Asia) have been withdrawn.

Since 2021, iodine has not been used in MSF programs, and it is no longer recommended in MSF Neonatal and Paediatric treatment guidelines.

In light of these elements, MSF urges the 25th Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines to delete iodine from “Section 27. Vitamins and Minerals” of both the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children.




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