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Dear Customer:

Becton Dickinson is adopting a new labeling and barcoding system that conforms to the new UCC/EAN 128 (Uniform Code Council/International Article Numbering Association) requirements. The changeover will take place between March and October of 1999. You will notice the following changes:

- All catalog numbers will be changed to a 6-digit format
- New labels will show both the new 6-digit catalog number as well as the original catalog number

During the changeover process, exterior containers or cartons will be overlabeled with the new label. The change of catalog number and/or overlabeling is not indicative of a change to the product.

Please visit our website at www.bd.com/diagnostics/newcat/ to see additional information about the new 6-digit catalog numbers, including a downloadable cross reference list and expected dates of implementation for each catalog number. You may also obtain a printed copy of this list by recording your request and mailing address at 410-316-4669.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this information.



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