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Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to notify you that BD is in the process of adopting a label expiration date format of **YYYY-MM-DD**. This format is compliant with the ISO EN28601 standard.

Example

Designation on label:
2001-04-12

Expiration date:
April 12, 2001

In some cases, the Certificate of Analysis may have the standard American format of MM/DD/YY, for example 100699 or 10/06/99. We anticipate that all new Certificates of Analysis will have the YYYY-MM-DD expiration date format after April 2000.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce McWilliams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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