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Dear Valued Customer:

In preparation for the creation of new digitally-based systems for access to regulatory documentation, BD is converting all current lot numbering formats into a simple, seven-digit, all numerical lot numbering system. This conversion will be implemented for all **BBL**[™] and **DIFCO**[™] brand products in late 1999.

Example:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Old Lot Number Styles</u>	<u>New Style</u>
DIFCO dehydrated and prepared culture media	130567 130568JC FK0417XD	1234567
BBL prepared and dehydrated culture media	C7CDLJ 101918708	1234567

Updates on our progress with the conversion to the new lot numbering method will be available at our worldwide website: www.bd.com/industrial or through your local dealer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joyce McWilliams'.

Joyce McWilliams
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