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SUBJECT: BD Dehydrated Culture Media (DCM) Portfolio Simplification

Dear Valued Customer,

BD Life Sciences has an ongoing commitment to develop, produce, and deliver the highest quality products to meet your microbiology needs. In order to achieve and maintain this objective, we periodically review our product portfolio. Our goal is to offer the optimum products and supply them to you in the most efficient and timely manner.

As a result of our recent review, we are standardizing our DCM offering. We believe these decisions can offer you a heightened customer experience by increasing the predictability of supply and demand, as well as the speed in which we can deliver products to you.

To support your planning, we want to give you advance notice of the following product changes. Please refer to the APPENDIX for the full list of impacted products, discontinuation timelines, and suggested alternative BD products.

BD appreciates and values your business. Please know we are here as your partner and are committed to helping you work through any challenges resulting from this change.

To best serve you, all inquiries and requests should be directed through your local sales representative or by contacting BD Technical Services at 1-800-638-8663 or Technical_Services@bd.com, or BD Customer Service at 1-800-823-5433.

Sincerely,

Grace Soong

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APPENDIX

Discontinuation timeline:

Last order date: July 30, 2025

Last fulfillment date: October 31, 2025

Catalog #	Description	Quantity per package	Discontinue Date	<i>Suggested Alternative*</i>	<i>Suggested Alternative Description</i>	<i>Quantity per package</i>
210352	BD Difco™ MPD-S Broth	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	none	n/a	
210420	BD Difco™ Tetrathionate Broth Base	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	210430	BD Difco™ Tetrathionate Broth Base	500 g
211687	BD Difco™ Violet Red Bile Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	211695	BD Difco™ Violet Red Bile Agar	500 g
211766	BD Difco™ Fraser Broth Base	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	211767	BD Difco™ Fraser Broth Base	500 g
212169	BD Difco™ Folic AOAC Medium	100 g	31-Oct-2025	231810	BD Difco™ Folic Acid Assay Medium	100 g
214919	BD Difco™ Buffered Listeria Enrichment Broth	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	290720	BD Difco™ Buffered Listeria Enrichment Broth Base	500 g
217410	BD Raffinose	100 g	31-Oct-2025	none	n/a	
217520	BD Difco™ Rhamnose	100 g	31-Oct-2025	217510	BD Rhamnose	25 g
218261	BD Difco™ R2A Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	218263	BD Difco™ R2A Agar	500 g
222510	BD Difco™ Oxford Medium Base	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	222530	BD Difco™ Oxford Medium Base	500 g
238210	BD Difco™ Sabouraud Dextrose Broth	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	238230	BD Difco™ Sabouraud Dextrose Broth	500 g
241000	BD Difco™ Lactose Broth	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	211835	BD Difco™ Lactose Broth	500 g
241410	BD Difco™ Luria Broth Base, Miller	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	241420	BD Difco™ Luria Broth Base, Miller	500 g
242710	BD Difco™ YPD Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	242720	BD Difco™ YPD Agar	500 g
243810	BD Difco™ Terrific Broth	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	243820	BD Difco™ Terrific Broth	500 g
244410	BD Difco™ Lowenstein Medium Base	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	244420	BD Difco™ Lowenstein Medium Base	500 g
247910	BD Difco™ Plate Count Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	247920	BD Difco™ Plate Count Agar	10 kg
248810	BD Difco™ Esculin Iron Agar	100 g	31-Oct-2025	none	n/a	
278820	BD Difco™ XLD Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	278830	BD Difco™ XLD Agar	10 kg
281210	BD Difco™ Agar Technical	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	none	n/a	
285310	BD Difco™ Hektoen Enteric Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	285320	BD Difco™ Hektoen Enteric Agar	10 kg
290110	BD Difco™ Lactobacilli Broth AOAC	100 g	31-Oct-2025	none	n/a	
292847	BD Difco™ Modified Lethen Agar	2 kg	31-Oct-2025	263110	BD Difco™ Modified Lethen Agar	500 g

*The suggested alternative product is BD's suggestion based on its own comparison of the form, features, and functions of the discontinued products and the suggested alternative product. Depending on the customer's circumstances, requirements, and intended use of the proposed alternative product, such product may not be an appropriate alternative to the discontinued product, and any such determination shall be made by the customer.