Supplier: Technologie Transfer Marburg e.V. (TTM)

Subject: Supply delays for personal protective equipment and select laboratory chemicals, plastic-based consumables, and disinfectants

Context: TTM is facing supply chain constraints with basic components / raw materials used to manufacture select laboratory supplies, particularly, personal protective equipment (PPE), select laboratory chemicals, select consumables (plastic based), and select disinfectants.

The cause of the supply constraints is multifaceted including increased demand for PPE and consumables due to the COVID-19 pandemic and decreased availability of freight and transport globally.

Extent of supply delays: Delays vary based on the affected product. Expected delays will be communicated with each order.

Expected duration of supply delays: TTM expects the delays to continue through the end of 2022.

GDF Mitigation Actions

Short Term:

- GDF is working to identify and contract alternative suppliers for delayed products that meet GDF quality-assurance criteria
- GDF is coordinating with clients to split orders into multiple, smaller shipments to address immediate client needs

Medium and longer-term, TTM and GDF are working on expanding the supplier base for the impacted products.

GDF will update this notice once new information about duration of the supply delay is available.

Contact Information: For additional information or support with order planning, please contact the GDF Country Supply Officer for your programme or <u>gdf@stoptb.org</u>

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