

**Supplier:** Svizera Europe B.V

**Subject:** Supply delays for the Ziehl Neelsen and Auramine microscopy kits

**Cause of supply delays:** The Ziehl Neelsen and Auramine microscopy supplies kits that are transported as Dangerous Goods have been facing supply chain challenges in 2023 due to the EU sustainability policy change and the IATA updated regulations on how to transport Dangerous Goods being more stringent and at the same time being in line with the new regulation changes of In vitro Diagnostic Medical Device Regulation (IVDR).

The adjustment to the new regulations by the supplier has led to delays in the deliveries of the Ziehl Neelsen and Auramine microscopy supplies kits mainly due to:

The shortage of the specific dangerous packaging material as per the new regulations.  
The time consuming to prepare/pack the dangerous cargo as per the new regulations.  
The updates of the regulations on how to transport Dangerous Goods throughout the year.

**Expected duration of supply delays:** It is expected that the IATA regulations updates for Dangerous Goods will continue until Q2 2024. The effect of these changes on the delivery lead time will be evaluated and communicated to the client for each order.

**GDF Mitigation Actions:**

Establishment of an additional production line for Dangerous Goods by the supplier.  
Establishment of an additional provider of packaging material by the supplier.

**Contact Information:** For additional or more detailed information; or, if you need support with order planning, please contact the GDF Country Supply Officer for your country or [gdf@stoptb.org](mailto:gdf@stoptb.org)

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