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26/7/3/0307

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Attention: Mrs K. Vermulen

Dear Madam

### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

Your application for the above-mentioned certificate refers.

Please find attached the certificate number **26/7/3/0307** for your attention. Included in this collated document are the following:

- (1) The Certificate of a Pharmaceutical Product (CPP);
- (2) The English version of the current approved Package Insert & PIL;
- (3) The English version of the current approved Container Label (or facsimile);
- (4) The formulation of the pharmaceutical product; and
- (5) The copy of the registration certificate of the pharmaceutical product.

**Please do not hesitate to contact the Inspectorate for any additional clarification.**

Yours faithfully

REGISTRAR OF MEDICINES

07/09/2017





## CERTIFICATE OF A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:**

**26/7/3/3/0307**

Exporting (certifying) country:

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Importing (requesting) country:

**MAURITIUS**

1. Name of Product:

**ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE**

Dosage form of Product:

**ORAL SUSPENSION**

1.1 Active ingredient(s) and amount(s) per unit dose:

**LIVE ATTENUATED HUMANROTAVIRUS RIX4414 STRAIN not less than  $10^{6.0}$  CCID<sub>50</sub>**

1.2 Is this product authorised to be placed on the market for use in the exporting country?

(a) Yes/No

**YES**

(b)(I) Application pending:

**NOT APPLICABLE**

(b)(II) Right of Sale is currently sanctioned:

**NOT APPLICABLE**

Details appended of any restriction applied to the sale, distribution or administration of the product that is entered into the conditions under which the product is registered.

1.3 Is this product on the market in the exporting country:

**YES**

- if the answer to 1.2(a) or 1.2(b) is yes, continue with section 2(a) and omit section 2(b);

- if the answer to 1.2(a) or 1.2(b) is no, omit section 2(a) and continue with section 2(b);

2.1.1 (a) Registration number of product:

**43/30.2/0290**

(b) Date of Registration:

**05/03/2009**

(c) Application number of product:

**NOT APPLICABLE**

2.1.2 Applicant for registration (name and address):

Name of Applicant:  
**GLAXOSMITHKLINE  
S.A. (PTY) LTD**

Address of Applicant:  
**39 HAWKINS AVENUE  
EPPING INDUSTRIAL 1  
CAPE TOWN  
7460**

2.1.3 Status of Applicant for Registration:

(a) Manufactures and packages and labels (total manufacturing):

**YES**

(b) Packages and/or labels a dosage form manufactured by an independent company:

**NO**

(c) Is the applicant involved in any of the above:

**YES**



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3.3 Do the facilities and operations conform to GMP as recommended by the World Health Organization?

**N/A**

4. Does the information submitted by the applicant satisfy the certifying authority on all aspects of the manufacture of the product: (if no, explain)

**YES**

Address of certifying authority:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PRIVATE BAG X828  
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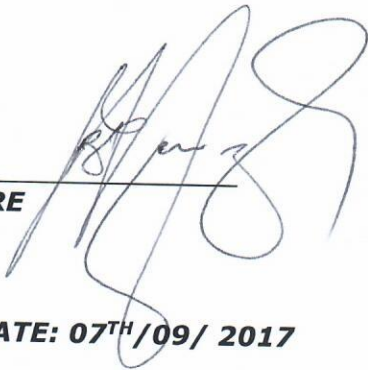
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This certificate conforms to the format recommended by the World Health Organization

Name of Authorised person:

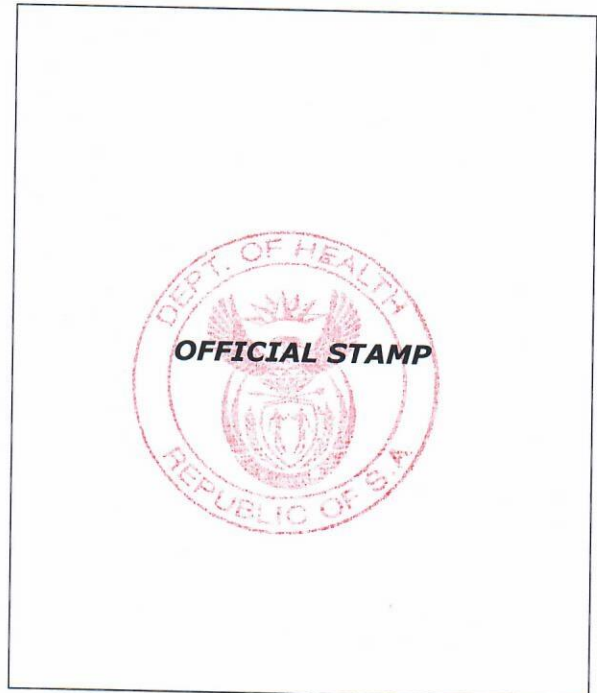
**Mr Bafana Malaza**

**SIGNATURE**



**ISSUED DATE: 07<sup>TH</sup>/09/ 2017**

**EXPIRY DATE: 07<sup>TH</sup>/09/2018**



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**ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL**

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**DO NOT INJECT. FOR ORAL USE ONLY.**

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**SCHEDULING STATUS:**

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**PROPRIETARY NAME AND DOSAGE FORM:**

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**ROTARIX<sup>®</sup> LIQUID ORAL VACCINE.** Rotavirus vaccine. Oral suspension.

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**COMPOSITION:**

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1 dose (1,5 ml) contains:

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Live attenuated human rotavirus RIX4414 strain not less than  $10^{6.0}$  CCID<sub>50</sub>.

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**List of excipients:**

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Sucrose, di-sodium adipate, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM), sterile water.

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**Residues:**

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Porcine Circovirus type 1 (PCV-1) material has been detected in ROTARIX vaccine. PCV-1 is

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not known to cause disease in animals and is not known to infect or cause disease in humans.

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There is no evidence that the presence of PCV-1 poses a safety risk.

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**PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION:**

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A 30.2 Antigens

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24 **PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION:**

25 **Pharmacodynamic properties:**

26 Studies on protective efficacy of the ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE are not available. The  
 27 efficacy profile of the new ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is expected to be similar to the  
 28 currently registered ROTARIX Lyophilized Vaccine formulation, based on comparable  
 29 immunogenicity data between the two formulations.

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31 **Immune response:**

32 In three comparative controlled trials, the immune response elicited by ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL  
 33 VACCINE was comparable to the one elicited by ROTARIX lyophilised formulation.

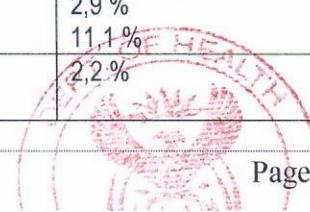
34 The immunologic mechanism by which ROTARIX ORAL VACCINE protects against rotavirus  
 35 gastro-enteritis is not completely understood. A relationship between antibody responses to  
 36 rotavirus vaccination and protection against rotavirus gastro-enteritis has not been established.

37 The following table shows the percentage of subjects initially seronegative for rotavirus (IgA  
 38 antibody titres < 20 U/ml (by ELISA)) and with serum anti-rotavirus IgA antibody titers  $\geq 20$  U/ml  
 39 one or two months after the second dose of vaccine or placebo as observed in different studies  
 40 conducted with ROTARIX lyophylised formulation.

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42 **Table: Seroconversion for anti-rotavirus IgA antibody after ROTARIX vaccination:**

Schedule	Studies conducted in Europe	Vaccine (N=794)	Placebo (N=422)
2, 3 months	France	84,3 %	14 %
	Germany	82,1 %	6,0 %
2, 4 months	Spain	85,5 %	12,4 %
3, 5 months	Finland	94,6 %	2,9 %
	Italy	92,3 %	11,1 %
3, 4 months	Czech Republic	84,6 %	2,2 %



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Schedule	Studies conducted in Latin America	Vaccine (N=1023)	Placebo (N=428)
2, 3 to 4 months	11 countries	77,9 %	15,1 %
2, 4 months	3 countries	85,5%	17,1 %
Schedule	Studies conducted in Asia	Vaccine (N=140)	Placebo (N=136)
2, 4 months	Taiwan	100 %	4,5 %
	Hong Kong	95,2 %	0 %
3, 4 months	Singapore	97,8 %	2,1 %
Schedule	Study conducted in Africa	Vaccine (N=221)	Placebo (N=111)
10, 14 weeks and 6, 10, 14 weeks (Pooled)	South Africa, Malawi	58,4 %	22,5 %

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44 **Immune response in preterm infants:**

45 In a clinical study conducted in preterm infants, ROTARIX was immunogenic; 85,7 % of subjects  
 46 achieved serum anti-rotavirus IgA antibody titers  $\geq 20$  U/ml (by ELISA) one month after the  
 47 second dose of vaccine.

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49 **Safety in infants with human immunodeficiency (HIV) infection:**

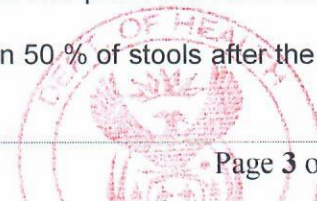
50 In a clinical study, 100 infants with HIV infection were administered ROTARIX or placebo. The  
 51 safety profile was similar between ROTARIX and placebo recipients.

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53 **Vaccine shedding:**

54 In two comparative controlled trials, vaccine shedding after vaccination with ROTARIX LIQUID  
 55 ORAL VACCINE was comparable to that observed after vaccination with ROTARIX lyophilised  
 56 formulation.

57 Excretion of the vaccine virus in the stools occurs after vaccination with peak excretion around  
 58 the 7th day. Viral antigen particles detected by ELISA were found in 50 % of stools after the first



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59 dose and 4 % of stools after the second dose. When these stools were tested for the presence  
60 of live vaccine strain, 17 % were positive.

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**62 Protective efficacy:**

**63 *Protective efficacy of Rotarix lyophilised formulation:***

64 In clinical trials, efficacy was demonstrated against gastro-enteritis due to rotavirus of the most  
65 common genotypes G1P[8], G2P[4], G3P[8], G4P[8] and G9P[8] and against uncommon  
66 rotavirus genotypes G8P[4](severe gastro-enteritis) and G12P[6] (any gastro-enteritis). All of  
67 these strains are circulating worldwide.

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**69 *Protective efficacy in Europe:***

70 A clinical study performed in Europe in 4 000 subjects evaluated ROTARIX given according to  
71 different European schedules (2, 3 months; 2, 4 months; 3, 4 months; 3, 5 months).

72 Severity of gastro-enteritis was defined according to the Vesikari 20-point scale which evaluates  
73 the full clinical picture of rotavirus gastro-enteritis by taking into account the severity and  
74 duration of diarrhoea and vomiting, the severity of fever and dehydration as well as the need for  
75 treatment.

76 After two doses of ROTARIX, the protective vaccine efficacy observed during the first and  
77 second year of life and the two years combined is presented in the following table.

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**79 Table: Study conducted in Europe**

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	1 <sup>st</sup> year of life ROTARIX N=2 572 Placebo N=1 302 (§)	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of life ROTARIX N=2 554 Placebo N=1 294 (§)	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of life combined ROTARIX N=2 572 Placebo N=1 302 (§)
<b>Vaccine efficacy (%) against any and severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis</b>			
<b>[95% CI]</b>			

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Strain	Any severity	Severe†	Any severity	Severe†	Any severity	Severe†
G1P[8]	95,6* [87,9; 98,8]	96,4* [85,7; 99,6]	82,7* [67,8; 91,3]	96,5* [86,2; 99,6]	89,5* [82,5; 94,1]	96,4* [90,4; 99,1]
G2P[4]	62,0 [< 0,0; 94,4]	74,7 [< 0,0; 99,6]	57,1* [< 0,0; 82,6]	89,9* [9,4; 99,8]	58,3* [10,1; 81,0]	85,5* [24,0; 98,5]
G3P[8]	89,9* [9,5; 99,8]	100* [44,8; 100]	79,7* [< 0,0; 98,1]	83,1 [< 0,0; 99,7]	84,8* [41,0; 97,3]	93,7* [52,8; 99,9]
G4P[8]	88,3* [57,5; 97,9]	100* [64,9; 100]	69,6 [< 0,0; 95,3]	87,3* [< 0,0; 99,7]	83,1* [55,6; 94,5]	95,4* [68,3; 99,9]
G9P[8]	75,6* [51,1; 88,5]	94,7* [77,9; 99,4]	70,5* [50,7; 82,8]	76,8* [50,8; 89,7]	72,5* [58,6; 82,0]	84,7* [71,0; 92,4]
Strains with P[8] genotype	88,2* [80,8; 93,0]	96,5* [90,6; 99,1]	75,7* [65,0; 83,4]	87,5* [77,8; 93,4]	81,8* [75,8; 86,5]	91,9* [86,8; 95,3]
Circulating rotavirus strains	87,1* [79,6; 92,1]	95,8* [89,6; 98,7]	71,9* [61,2; 79,8]	85,6* [75,8; 91,9]	78,9* [72,7; 83,8]	90,4* [85,1; 94,1]
<b>Vaccine efficacy (%) against rotavirus gastro-enteritis requiring medical attention</b>						
<b>[95 % CI]</b>						
Circulating rotavirus strains	91,8* [84; 96,3]		76,2* [63,0; 85,0]		83,8* [76,8; 88,9]	
<b>Vaccine efficacy (%) against hospitalisation due to rotavirus gastro-enteritis</b>						
<b>[95 % CI]</b>						
Circulating rotavirus strains	100* [81,8; 100]		92,2* [65,6; 99,1]		96,0* [83,8; 99,5]	

81 † Severe gastro-enteritis defined as a score  $\geq 11$  on the Vesikari scale

82 (§) ATP cohort for efficacy

83 \* Statistically significant ( $p < 0,05$ )

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85 When the severity of rotavirus gastro-enteritis was scored using the 20-point Vesikari scale,

86 vaccine efficacy during the first year of life progressively increased with increasing disease

87 severity, reaching 100 % (95 % CI: 84,7; 100) for Vesikari scores  $\geq 17$ .

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89 **Protective efficacy in Latin America:**

90 A clinical study performed in Latin America in more than 20 000 subjects evaluated ROTARIX

91 ORAL VACCINE given at approximately 2 and 4 months of age.





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92 After two doses of ROTARIX the protective vaccine efficacy against severe rotavirus gastro-  
 93 enteritis requiring hospitalisation and/or rehydration therapy in a medical facility was 84,7 %  
 94 (95 % CI: 71,7; 92,4) during the first year of life. Protective efficacy of ROTARIX was maintained  
 95 during the second year of life with an efficacy against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis of 79,0 %  
 96 (95 % CI: 66,4; 87,4).

97 When the severity of rotavirus gastro-enteritis was scored using the 20-point Vesikari scale,  
 98 vaccine efficacy during the first year of life progressively increased with increasing disease  
 99 severity, reaching 100 % (95 % CI: 74,5; 100) for Vesikari scores  $\geq 19$ . Enough cases of gastro-  
 100 enteritis caused by G1P[8] and G9P[8] were observed to demonstrate vaccine efficacy reaching  
 101 100 % (95 % CI: > 72,2; 100) for Vesikari scores  $\geq 18$ .

102 The protective vaccine efficacy observed against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis is presented in  
 103 the table below.

104 **Table: Study conducted in Latin America:**

Strain	Severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis (1 <sup>st</sup> year of life) ROTARIX N=9 009 Placebo N=8 858	Severe rotavirus gastro- enteritis (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of life) ROTARIX N=7 175 Placebo N=7 062
	Efficacy (%) [95 % CI]	Efficacy (%) [95 % CI]
G1P[8]	91,8 [74,1; 98,4]	72,4 [34,5; 89,9]
G3P[8]	87,7 [8,3; 99,7]	71,9 [< 0,0; 97,1]
G9P[8]	90,6 [61,7; 98,9]	87,7 [72,9; 95,3]
Strains with P[8] genotype	90,9 [79,2; 96,8]	79,5 [67,0; 87,9]

105 A pooled analysis of four efficacy studies\*, showed a 71,4 % (95 % CI: 20,1; 91,1) efficacy  
 106 against severe gastro-enteritis (Vesikari score  $\geq 11$ ) caused by rotavirus G2P[4] strain.

107 \* In these studies, the point estimates and confidence intervals were respectively: 100 % (95 %  
 108 CI: -1858,0; 100), 100 % (95 % CI: 21,1; 100), 45,4 % (95 % CI: -81,5; 86,6), 74,7 % (95 % CI:

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109 -386,2; 99,6).

110 Although ROTARIX is a 2-dose vaccine, efficacy has been observed as from the first dose. In  
 111 Europe, vaccine efficacy against rotavirus gastro-enteritis of any severity from dose 1 to dose 2  
 112 was 89,8 % (95 % CI: 8,9; 99,8). A pooled analysis of two efficacy studies conducted in Latin  
 113 America, showed an efficacy against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis from dose 1 to dose 2 of  
 114 64,4 % (95 % CI: 11,9; 86,9).

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116 ***Protective efficacy in Africa:***

117 A clinical study performed in Africa in more than 4 900 subjects evaluated ROTARIX given at  
 118 approximately 10 and 14 weeks of age (2 doses) or 6, 10 and 14 weeks of age (3 doses). The  
 119 vaccine efficacy against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis (scored using the 20-point Vesikari  
 120 scale) during the first year of life was 61,2 % (95 % CI: 44,0; 73,2). The study was not powered  
 121 to evaluate a difference in vaccine efficacy between the 2- and 3-dose regimens.

122 The protective vaccine efficacy observed against any and severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis is  
 123 presented in the table below.

124 **Table: Study conducted in Africa:**

Strain	Any rotavirus gastro-enteritis (1 <sup>st</sup> year of life - Pooled results) ROTARIX N = 2 974 Placebo N = 1 443	Severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis (1 <sup>st</sup> year of life - Pooled results) ROTARIX N = 2 974 Placebo N = 1 443
	Efficacy (%) [95 % CI]	Efficacy (%) [95 % CI]
G1P[8]	68,3* [53,6; 78,5]	56,6* [11,8; 78,8]
G2P[4]	49,3* [4,6; 73,0]	83,8* [9,6; 98,4]
G3P[8]	43,4 [< 0; 83,7]	51,5 [< 0; 96,5]
G8P[4]	38,7 [< 0; 67,8]	63,6* [5,9; 86,5]
G9P[8]	41,8	56,9

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	< 0; 72,3]	< 0; 85,5]
G12P[6]	48,0*	55,5
	[9,7; 70,0]	< 0; 82,2]
Strains with P[4] genotype	39,3*	70,9*
	[7,7; 59,9]	[37,5; 87,0]
Strains with P[6] genotype	46,6*	55,2
	[9,4; 68,4]	< 0; 81,3]
Strains with P[8] genotype	61,0*	59,1*
	[47,3; 71,2]	[32,8; 75,3]

\* Statistically significant (p < 0,05)

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**127 Effectiveness:**

128 In observational studies, vaccine effectiveness was demonstrated against severe gastro-  
129 enteritis leading to hospitalisation due to rotavirus of common genotypes G1P[8], G2P[4],  
130 G3P[8] and G9P[8] as well as the less common rotavirus genotype G9P[4] and G9P[6]. All of  
131 these strains are circulating worldwide.

132 The following shows the results of several matched case-control studies conducted to evaluate  
133 the effectiveness of ROTARIX against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis leading to  
134 hospitalisation.

**135 Effectiveness against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis leading to hospitalisation:**

Countries	Age	N (cases/ controls)	Effectiveness after 2 doses RV hospitalisation	
			Strain	Effectiveness (%) [95 % CI]
<b>High Income Countries</b>				
Belgium	< 4 yrs	160/198	All	90 [81; 95]
			G1P[8]	95 [78; 99]
			G2P[4]	85 [64; 94]
	3 – 11 m		All	91 [75; 97]
			G2P[4]	83 [11; 96]
Singapore	< 5 yrs	136/272	All	84 [32; 96]
			G1P[8]	91 [30; 99]
Taiwan	< 3 yrs	275/1623	All	92 [75; 98]
			G1P[8]	95 [69; 100]
US	< 2 yrs	85/1062	All	85 [73; 92]
			G1P[8]	88 [68; 95]
			G2P[4]	88 [68; 95]



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			Strain	Effectiveness (%) [95 % CI]
	8-11 m		All	89 [48; 98]
US	< 5 yrs	74/255	G3P[8]	68 [34; 85]
<b>Middle Income Countries</b>				
Bolivia	< 3 yrs	300/974	All	77 [65;84]
			G9P[8]	85 [69;93]
			G3P[8]	93 [70;98]
			G2P[4]	69 [14;89]
			G9P[6]	87 [19;98]
	6-11 m		All	77 [51;89]
			G9P[8]	90 [65;97]
Brazil	< 2 yrs	115/1481	All	72 [44;85]
			G1P[8]	89 [78;95]
			G2P[4]	76 [64;84]
Brazil	< 3 yrs	249/249	All	76 [58;86]
			G2P[4]	75 [57;86]
	3-11 m		All	96 [68;99]
			G2P[4]	95 [66;99]
El Salvador	< 2 yrs	251/770	All	76 [64; 84]*
	6 – 11 m			83 [68;91]
Mexico	< 2 yrs	9/17	G9P[4]	94 [16;100]
<b>Low Income Countries</b>				
Malawi	< 2 yrs	81/234	All	63 [23;83]

\* In subjects who did not receive the full course of vaccination, the effectiveness after one dose was 51 % (95 % CI: 26; 67).

yrs: years  
m: months

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137 **Impact on mortality<sup>§</sup>:**

138 Impact studies with Rotarix conducted in Panama, Brazil and Mexico showed a decrease in all  
139 cause diarrhoea mortality ranging from 22 % to 56 % in children less than 5 years of age, within  
140 2 to 3 years after vaccine introduction.

141

142 **Impact on hospitalisation<sup>§</sup>**



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143 In a retrospective database study in Belgium conducted in children 5 years of age and younger,  
144 the direct and indirect impact of ROTARIX vaccination on rotavirus-related hospitalisation  
145 ranged from 64 % (95 % CI: 49; 76) to 80 % (95 % CI: 77; 83) two years after vaccine  
146 introduction. Similar studies in Brazil, Australia and El Salvador showed a reduction of 45 % to  
147 88 %. In addition, two impact studies on all-cause diarrhoea hospitalisation conducted in Latin  
148 America showed a reduction of 38 % to 40 % four years after vaccine introduction.  
149 §NOTE: Impact studies are meant to establish a temporal relationship but not a causal  
150 relationship between the disease and vaccination.

151

**152 Pharmacokinetic properties:**

153 Evaluation of pharmacokinetic properties is not required for vaccines.

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**155 Preclinical safety data:**

156 Preclinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of repeated  
157 dose toxicity.

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**159 INDICATIONS:**

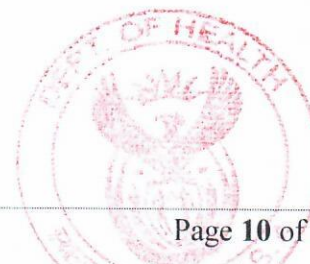
160 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is indicated for the prevention of gastro-enteritis caused by  
161 Rotavirus.

162 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is intended for use in infants in the first six months of life.

163 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE should not be administered to children older than 24 weeks  
164 of age.

165

**166 CONTRA-INDICATIONS:**



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167 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE should not be administered to subjects with known  
168 hypersensitivity after previous administration of ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE or to any  
169 component of the vaccine.

170 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is contra-indicated in infants who have known or suspected  
171 immunodeficiency. However, caution is advised when ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is  
172 administered to asymptomatic human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infected subjects.

173 Subjects with history of intussusceptions.

174 Subjects with uncorrected congenital malformation (such as Meckel's diverticulum) of the  
175 gastrointestinal tract that would predispose for intussusception.

176 Subjects with Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) disorder (see SIDE EFFECTS).

177

**178 WARNINGS AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:**

**179 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE**  
**180 INJECTED.**

181 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is intended for use in infants in the first six months of life.

182 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE should not be administered to children older than 24  
183 weeks of age as safety has not been demonstrated, particularly in relation to risk of  
184 intussusception.

185 Administration of ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE should be postponed in subjects suffering  
186 from acute severe febrile illness. However, the presence of a minor infection, such as a cold,  
187 should not result in the deferral of vaccination.

188 The administration of ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE should be postponed in subjects  
189 suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting.

190 There are no data on the safety and efficacy of ROTARIX ORAL VACCINE in infants with

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191 gastrointestinal illnesses. Administration of ROTARIX ORAL VACCINE may be considered with  
192 caution in such infants when, in the opinion of the physician, withholding the vaccine entails  
193 greater risk.

194 The risk of intussusception has been evaluated in a large safety trial (including 63 225 infants)  
195 conducted in Latin America and Finland. No increased risk of intussusception was observed in  
196 this clinical trial following administration of ROTARIX when compared with placebo.

197 However, post-marketing safety studies indicate a transient increased incidence of  
198 intussusceptions after vaccination, mostly within 7 days of the first dose and to a lesser extent,  
199 the second dose. The overall incidence of intussusceptions remains rare. Whether ROTARIX  
200 affects the overall risk of intussusceptions has not been established.

201 As a precaution, healthcare professionals should follow-up on any symptoms indicative of  
202 intussusception (severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, bloody stools, abdominal bloating  
203 and/or high fever). Parents/guardians should be advised to promptly report such symptoms.

204 For subjects with a predisposition for intussusceptions, see CONTRA-INDICATIONS.

205 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is contra-indicated in infants who have known or suspected  
206 immunodeficiency. However, ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE can be given to asymptomatic  
207 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infected subjects.

208 Administration of ROTARIX in immunosuppressed infants, including infants on  
209 immunosuppressive therapy, should be based on careful consideration of potential benefits and  
210 risks (see Pharmacodynamic properties).

211

212 Do not use ROTARIX vaccines interchangeably with any other rotavirus vaccine.



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213 It is good clinical practice that vaccination should be preceded by a review of the medical history  
214 (especially with regard to previous vaccination and possible occurrence of undesirable events)  
215 and a clinical examination.

216 Excretion of the vaccine virus in the stools is known to occur after vaccination and lasts for 10  
217 days on average with peak excretion around the 7th day (see Pharmacodynamic properties). In  
218 clinical trials, cases of transmission of excreted vaccine virus to seronegative contacts of  
219 vaccinees have been observed without causing any clinical symptoms. ROTARIX should be  
220 administered with caution to individuals with immunodeficient close contacts, such as individuals  
221 with malignancies, or who are otherwise immunocompromised or receiving immunosuppressive  
222 therapy.

223 Contacts of recent vaccinees should be advised to observe careful hygiene (including washing  
224 their hands after changing child's nappies).

225 A protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccinees.

226 The extent of protection that ROTARIX might provide against rotavirus strains that have not  
227 been circulating in clinical trials is currently unknown (see Pharmacodynamic properties).

228 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE does not protect against gastro-enteritis due to other  
229 pathogens than rotavirus.

230 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE INJECTED.

231

**232 INTERACTIONS:**

233 ROTARIX can be given concomitantly with any of the following monovalent or combination  
234 vaccines [including hexavalent vaccines (DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib)]: diphtheria-tetanus-whole cell  
235 pertussis vaccine (DTPw), diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis vaccine (DTPa), Haemophilus  
236 influenzae type b vaccine (Hib), inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), hepatitis B vaccine (HPV),



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237 pneumococcal vaccine and meningococcal serogroup C vaccine.

238 Clinical studies demonstrated that the immune responses and the safety profiles of the  
239 administered vaccines were unaffected.

240 Concomitant administration of ROTARIX and oral polio vaccine (OPV) does not affect the  
241 immune response to the polio antigens. Although concomitant administration of OPV may  
242 slightly reduce the immune response to rotavirus vaccine there is currently no evidence that  
243 clinical protection against severe rotavirus gastro-enteritis would be affected. The immune  
244 response to ROTARIX is unaffected when OPV is administered two weeks apart from  
245 ROTARIX.

246

247 **PREGNANCY AND LACTATION:**

248 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is not intended for use in adults. Thus human data on use  
249 during pregnancy or lactation are not available and animal reproduction studies have not been  
250 performed.

251

252 **DOSAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE:**

253 The vaccination course consists of two doses. The first dose may be administered from the age  
254 of 6 weeks. There should be an interval of at least 4 weeks between doses. The vaccination  
255 course should be completed by the age of 24 weeks.

256 ROTARIX may be given to preterm infants with the same posology (see SIDE EFFECTS and  
257 Pharmacodynamic properties).

258 In clinical trials, spitting or regurgitation of the vaccine has rarely been observed and, under  
259 such circumstances, a replacement dose was not given. However, in the unlikely event that an

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260 infant spits out or regurgitates most of the vaccine dose, a single replacement dose may be  
 261 given at the same vaccination visit.

262 It is strongly recommended that infants who receive a first dose of ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL  
 263 VACCINE complete the 2-dose regimen with ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE.

264

265 **Method of administration:**

266 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE is for oral use only.

267 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE INJECTED.

268 There are no restrictions on the infant's consumption of food or liquid, including breast milk,  
 269 either before or after vaccination.

270 There is no evidence available to suggest that breastfeeding would reduce the protection  
 271 against rotavirus gastro-enteritis afforded by ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE. Therefore,  
 272 breastfeeding may be continued during the vaccination schedule.

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274 **Incompatibilities:**

275 In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other  
 276 medicinal products.

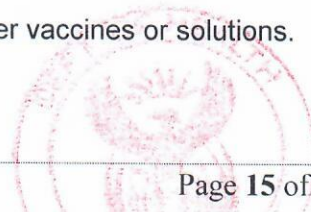
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278 **Instructions for use and handling:**

279 The vaccine is presented as a clear, colourless liquid, free of visible particles, for **oral**  
 280 administration.

281 The vaccine is ready to use (no reconstitution or dilution is required).

282 The vaccine is to be administered **orally** without mixing with any other vaccines or solutions.



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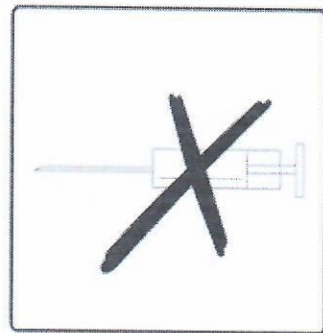
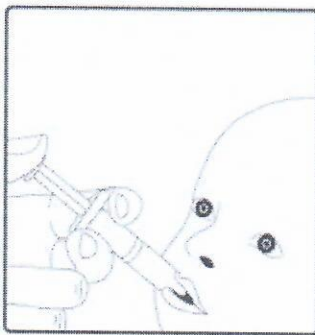
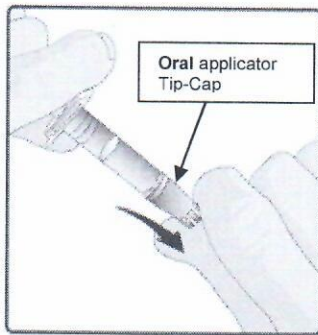
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283 The vaccine should be inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal  
 284 physical appearance. In the event of either being observed, discard the vaccine.

285 Any unused vaccine or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local  
 286 requirements.

287

288 **Instructions for administration of the vaccine in oral applicator:**



1. Remove the protective tip cap from the **oral** applicator
2. This vaccine is for **oral administration only**. The child should be seated in a reclining position. Administer **orally** (i.e. into the child's mouth towards the inner cheek) the entire content of the **oral** applicator.
3. **Do not inject.**

289

290 Discard the empty oral applicator and tip cap in approved biological waste containers according  
 291 to local regulations.

292

293 **Instructions for administration of the vaccine in tube:**

294 Please read the instructions for use all the way through before starting to give the vaccine.

**A. What you need to do before giving ROTARIX**

- Check the expiry date.

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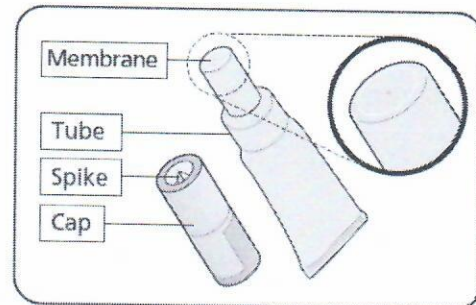
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- Check the tube has not been damaged nor is already open.
- Check the liquid is clear and colourless, without any particles in it.



If you notice anything abnormal, do not use the vaccine.

- This vaccine is given orally - straight from the tube.
- It is ready to use - you do not need to mix it with anything.

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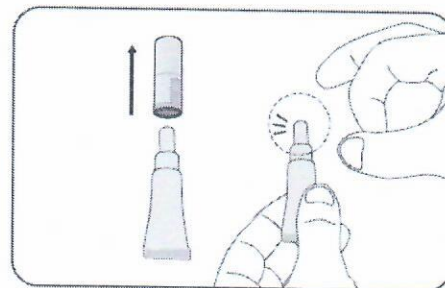
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**B. Get the tube ready**

**1. Pull off the cap**

- *Keep the cap – you need this to pierce the membrane.*
- *Hold the tube upright.*

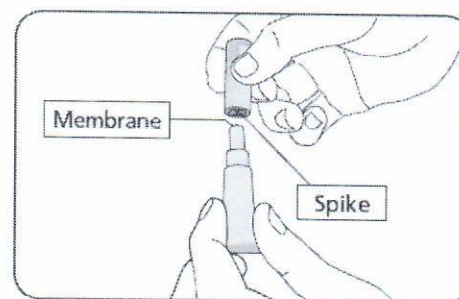


**2. Repeatedly flick the top of the tube until it is clear of any liquid**

- Clear any liquid from the thinnest section of the tube by flicking just below the membrane.

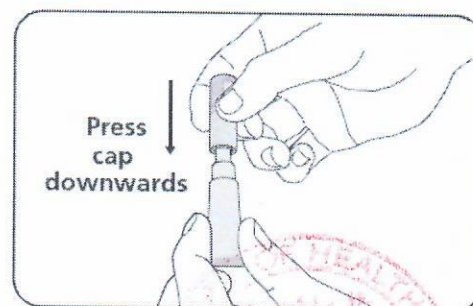
**3. Position the cap to open the tube**

- Keep the tube held upright.
- Hold the side of tube.
- There is a small spike inside the top of the cap - in the centre.
- Turn the cap upside down (180°).



**4. To open the tube**

- You do not need to twist. Press the cap down to pierce the membrane.
- Then lift off the cap.



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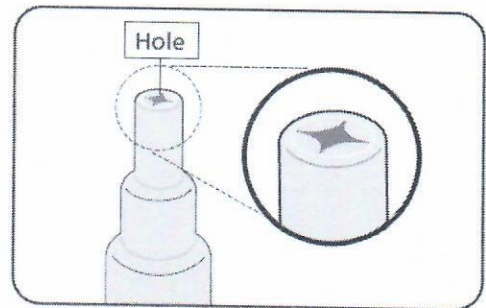
**C. Check the tube has opened correctly**

**1. Check the membrane has been pierced**

- There should be a hole at the top of the tube.

**2. What to do if the membrane has not been pierced**

- If the membrane has not been pierced return to section B and repeat steps 2, 3 and 4.

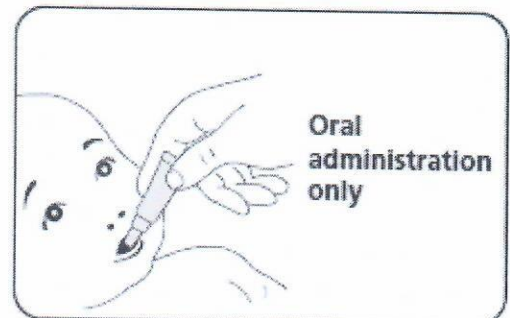


**D. Give the vaccine**

- Once the tube is open check the liquid is clear, without any particles in it.

If you notice anything abnormal, do not use the vaccine.

- Give the vaccine straight away.



**1. Position the child to give the vaccine**

- Seat the child leaning slightly backwards.

**2. Administer the vaccine**

- Squeeze the liquid gently into the side of the child's mouth - towards the inside of their cheek.
- You may need to squeeze the tube a few times to get all of the vaccine out - it is okay if a drop remains in the tip of the tube.

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298 Discard the empty tube and cap in approved biological waste containers according to local  
299 regulations.

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301 **SIDE EFFECTS:**

302 **Clinical Trial Data:**

303 The following convention has been used for the classification of frequency:

304 Very common:  $\geq 1/10$

305 Common:  $\geq 1/100$  and  $< 1/10$

306 Uncommon:  $\geq 1/1\ 000$  and  $< 1/100$

307 Rare:  $\geq 1/10\ 000$  and  $< 1/1\ 000$

308 Very rare:  $< 1/10\ 000$

309 The safety profile presented below is based on data from clinical trials conducted with either the  
310 lyophilised or the liquid formulation of ROTARIX.

311 In a total of four clinical trials, approximately 3 800 doses of Rotatrix liquid formulation were  
312 administered to approximately 1 930 infants. Those trials have shown that the safety and  
313 reactogenicity profile of the liquid formulation is comparable to the lyophilised formulation.

314 In a total of twenty-three clinical trials, approximately 106 000 doses of ROTARIX ORAL  
315 VACCINE (lyophilised or liquid formulation) were administered to approximately 51 000 infants.

316 In three placebo-controlled clinical trials (Finland, India and Bangladesh), in which ROTARIX  
317 was administered alone (administration of routine paediatric vaccines was staggered), the  
318 incidence and severity of the solicited events (collected 8 days post-vaccination), diarrhoea,  
319 vomiting, loss of appetite, fever, irritability and cough/runny nose, were not significantly different  
320 in the group receiving ROTARIX when compared to the group receiving placebo. No increase in  
321 the incidence or severity of these reactions was seen with the second dose.

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322 In a pooled analysis from seventeen placebo-controlled clinical trials (Europe, North America,  
 323 Latin America, Asia, Africa) including trials in which ROTARIX was co-administered with routine  
 324 paediatric vaccines (see INTERACTIONS), the following adverse events (collected 31 days  
 325 post-vaccination) were considered as possibly related to vaccination.

326 ***Gastrointestinal disorders:***

327 Common: diarrhoea,

328 Uncommon: flatulence, abdominal pain

329 ***Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:***

330 Uncommon: dermatitis

331 ***General disorders and administration site conditions:***

332 Common: irritability.

333 The risk of intussusception has been evaluated in a large safety trial conducted in Latin America  
 334 and Finland where 63 225 infants were enrolled. This trial gave evidence of no increased risk of  
 335 intussusception in the ROTARIX group when compared with the placebo group as shown in the  
 336 table below.

	ROTARIX	Placebo	Relative Risk (95 % CI)
Intussusception within 31 days after administration of:	N=31 673	N=31 552	
First dose:	1	2	0,50 (0,07; 3,80)
Second dose	5	5	0,99 (0,31; 3,21)
Intussusception up to one year of age	N=10 159	N=10 010	
First dose up to one year of age	4	14	0,28 (0,10; 0,81)

337 CI: Confidence Interval

338 ***Safety in preterm infants:***





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339 In a clinical study, 1 009 preterm infants were administered ROTARIX or placebo (198 were 27-  
340 30 weeks gestational age and 801 were 31-36 weeks gestational age). The first dose was  
341 administered from 6 weeks after birth. Serious adverse events were observed in 5,1 % of  
342 recipients of ROTARIX as compared to 6,8 % of placebo recipients. Similar rates of solicited and  
343 unsolicited symptoms were observed in ROTARIX and placebo recipients. No cases of  
344 intussusception were reported.

345

346 **Post Marketing Data:**

347 **Gastrointestinal disorders:** intussusceptions (see WARNINGS AND SPECIAL  
348 PRECAUTIONS), haematochezia, gastroenteritis with vaccine viral shedding in infants with  
349 Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) disorder.

350

351 **KNOWN SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSAGE AND PARTICULARS OF ITS TREATMENT:**

Some cases of overdose have been reported. In general, the adverse event profile reported in  
these cases was similar to that observed after administration of the recommended dose of  
ROTARIX.

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353 **IDENTIFICATION:**

354 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in oral applicator:

355 Clear, colourless liquid, free of visible particles in an oral applicator.

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357 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in tube:

358 Clear, colourless liquid, free of visible particles in a tube.

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360 **PRESENTATION:**

361 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in oral applicator:

362 1,5 ml of oral suspension in an oral applicator (Type I, Ph. Eur.) with a plunger stopper (butyl  
363 rubber). Pack sizes of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 or 100.

364 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in tube:

365 1,5 ml of oral suspension in a squeezable tube (LDPE) fitted with a membrane and a cap  
366 (polypropylene). Pack sizes of 1, 10 or 25.

367

368 **STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS:**

369 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in oral applicator:

370 Store in a refrigerator (2 °C to 8 °C).

371 Do not freeze.

372 Protect from light.

373 Keep out of reach of children.

374

375 ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE in tube:

376 Store in a refrigerator (+2 °C to +8 °C).

377 Do not freeze.

378 Protect from light.

379 Keep out of reach of children.

380

381 **For state packs only:** The Vaccine Vial Monitor (VVM) is part of the label used for all ROTARIX  
382 batches supplied by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals. The colour dot that appears on the label of the  
383 tube is a VVM. This is a time-temperature sensitive dot that provides an indication of the

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384 cumulative heat to which the tube has been exposed. It warns the end user when exposure to  
385 heat is likely to have degraded the vaccine beyond an acceptable level.  
386 The interpretation of the VVM is simple. Focus on the central square. Its colour will change  
387 progressively. As long as the colour of this square is lighter than the colour of the ring, then the  
388 vaccine can be used. As soon as the colour of the central square is the same colour as the ring  
389 or of a darker colour than the ring, then the tube should be discarded.  
390 It is absolutely critical to ensure that the storage conditions specified above (in particular the  
391 cold chain) are complied with. GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals will assume no liability in the event  
392 ROTARIX has not been stored in compliance with the storage instructions. Furthermore  
393 GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals assumes no responsibility in case a VVM is defective for any  
394 reason.



Inner square lighter than outer circle. **If the expiry date has not been passed, USE the vaccine.**



At a later time, inner square still lighter than outer circle. **If the expiry date has not been passed, USE the vaccine.**



**Discard point:** Inner square matches colour of outer circle. **DO NOT use the vaccine.**



**Beyond the discard point:** Inner square darker than outer ring. **DO NOT use the vaccine.**

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396 **REGISTRATION NUMBER:**



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<b>ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE</b>	Implementation Date:	Post-approval	Category	Pi safety update
Oral Suspension. HRV $\geq 10^{6.0}$ CCID <sub>50</sub>	Approved	06 June 2017	Reference	GDSv12, 14

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**1.3 South African labelling and packaging**

**1.3.1 South African Package Insert**

**1.3.1.1 Package insert**

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399 **NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:**

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404 **DATE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE PACKAGE INSERT:**

405 02 June 2017

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408 **HISTORY:**

Submission Date	Details	Response
10 Mar 2009	Compliant PI submitted to MCC.	
31 Dec 2009	Changed to S2, GG 32838.	
29 Jul 2010	Revised dosage schedule.	
26 Apr 2011	Proposed PI for ROTARIX Oral Vaccine 7 September 2006. MCC response 24 May 2010 (Annotated) and safety update.	
17 Aug 2012	Inclusion of VVM information for tender pack only.	Approved 28-10-2013
16 Oct 2012	Response to Bio Recommendations dated 2/3/2012	Approved 15-02-2013. Ratified 24 April 2013
25 Jul 2013	PI updated to bring in line with GDSv10-11	Approved BMC 04-10-2013. Ratified: 08/01/2014
8 May 2013	Safety update to bring in line with GDSv12 and resubmitted 14/07/2015	Not yet evaluated
26 Jan 2016	Change to PE tube (spike design). GDS v013	Approved 31-05-2016
10 Nov 2016	Resubmission of 8-5-2013 (GDSv12) + inclusion of new safety data (GDSv14)	Approved 02 June 2017

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HRV liquid vaccine

P.1 Description and Composition  
Composition

The Human Rotavirus (HRV) vaccine is a monovalent, live, attenuated virus vaccine derived from the human 89-12 strain which belongs to G1 serotype and [P8] genotype. The parental 89-12 strain was cloned by three end-point dilutions, the selected clone being referred to as RIX4414.

The quantitative composition of the Company's HRV liquid vaccine is provided in Table 1. The volume per nominal dose of the liquid vaccine is 1.5 ml. The liquid preparation is ready-to-use and is to be administered orally.

**Table 1 Quantitative composition of the HRV liquid vaccine**

Ingredient	Quantity (per nominal dose – 1.5 ml)	Function	Reference to quality standards
<b>Active substance</b>			
Human Rotavirus, Live Attenuated, RIX4414 strain	not less than $10^{6.0}$ CCID <sub>50</sub>	Immunogen	GSK Bio 200292
<b>Excipients</b>			
- Sucrose	1.073 g	Stabiliser	Ph. Eur. 0204
- Di-sodium adipate	132.74 mg	Antacid	Ph. Eur. 1586 (adipic acid) Ph. Eur. 0677 (sodium hydroxyde)
- DMEM <sup>1</sup>	2.26 mg	Bulk diluent	<sup>1</sup>
- Water for Injections q.s. ad	1.5 ml	Solvent	Ph. Eur. 0169

1. Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium: prepared in-house with raw materials described in pharmacopoeia and GSK Biologicals' monographs  
Pharmaceutical form: ready-to-use liquid vaccine for oral administration  
Presentations: pre-filled monodose glass syringes or polyethylene tubes.  
Storage conditions: at +2°C/+8°C.  
Overage: in order to guarantee the minimum titre of not less than  $6.0 \log_{10}$  CCID<sub>50</sub> per nominal dose required up to the end of shelf-life, the release specification is set at  $\geq 6.3 \log_{10}$  CCID<sub>50</sub> per dose.



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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEDICINE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

It is hereby certified that registration of the medicine as described below has been approved by the Medicines Control Council in terms of section 15 (3) (a) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965), subject to the conditions indicated:

This certificate replaces the one issued on: 05/03/2009

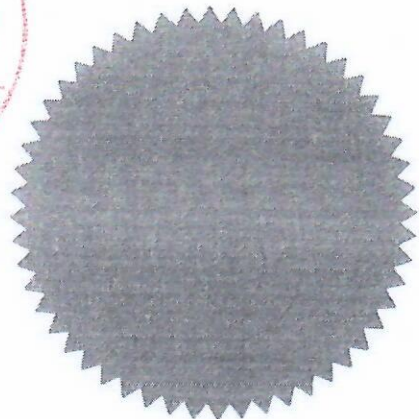
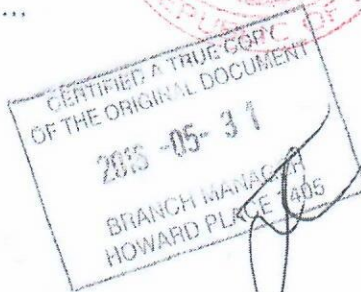
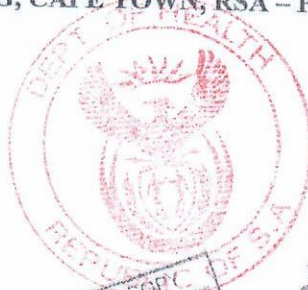
1. Registered name           **ROTARIX LIQUID ORAL VACCINE**
2. Registration number       **43/30.2/0290**
3. Approved name of every active ingredient and quantities thereof per dosage unit or per suitable mass or volume or unit of the medicine  
   **EACH 1,5 ml DOSE CONTAINS:  
   LIVE ATTENUATED HUMAN ROTAVIRUS  
   RIX4414 STRAIN not less than 10<sup>6.0</sup> CCID<sub>50</sub>**
4. Dosage form                 **SUSPENSION**
5. Conditions under which the medicine is registered  
   **see annexure**
6. Registered in the name of (applicant)  
   **GLAXOSMITHKLINE SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD**
7. Original date of registration   **05/03/2009**
8. Manufacturer, packer, final product release control (FPRC)/final product responsibility (FPRR)  
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