

Mo-99 Supply Update: Shortages Possible in Some Areas

Dear Colleagues,

Considering the global impact of COVID-19, ASNC is monitoring the supply of Mo-99 more closely than ever. This week, we learned that transportation problems may be leading up to possible Tc-99m generator shortages in some areas.

In a March 30 memo, Nuclear Medicine Europe (NNEu) noted new developments. First, NMEu reported that NTP has informed them that the cessation of flights in and out of South Africa interrupted a bulk shipment of Mo-99 last week. Other options, such as charter flights, are being explored. On a positive note, NMEu said that other reactors have been able to maintain operation and production while protecting staff with additional measures. In addition, ANSTO has received regulatory approval to resume Mo-99 export production but will need to gradually ramp up from its current two production runs per week. Click here to see the NMEu's memo.

Please visit ASNC's <u>COVID-19 Resource Center</u> for our industry partners' statements on status and operations during the pandemic.

ASNC and the NMEu are advising nuclear cardiologists to contact their generator suppliers or radiopharmacies for information on whether delays are expected in their region.

ASNC will continue monitoring the situation and keeping you informed.

As always, we thank you for the work you are doing. Be safe, be well.

Best regards,

The ASNC Team

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