

COMMUNICATION FROM THE NMEu EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

Subject: COVID-19 AND THE GLOBAL SUPPLY OF Mo-99

Brussels, 11 May 2020

The Security of Supply Working Group (SoS WG) Emergency Response Team (ERT) held a teleconference on 11 May 2020 and received written updates from NMEu members regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Mo-99 and other radioisotope production.

The improving situation reported in the last communication of 27 April continues and supply chain organizations maintain regular operations. Air transportation options for most geographic regions continue to improve. NTP reported that it is operating below capacity as a result of remaining logistical challenges from South Africa.

NMEu advises that last-minute logistics changes can still create short-term difficulties in supplying medical radioisotopes. Medical radioisotope supply is expected to be sufficient to meet increases in demand. Medical institutions should contact their Tc-99m generator suppliers or radiopharmacies to be informed of the supply situation.

The ERT will have its next call in two weeks time on May 28th.

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