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Effective: November 01, 2020 until superseded

Subject: **Expiration Dating of USP Reference Standards**

Dear Valued USP Customer,

USP Reference Standards (RS) do not carry expiration dates in the traditional sense. Instead, they are assigned Valid Use Dates. As long as a lot is listed as being the “current lot” it is valid and suitable for use. Once a current lot is depleted, it becomes the “previous lot.” At this time a valid use date is assigned, which is typically 3-12 months from the date of depletion.

It is the responsibility of the user to ascertain that a particular lot of a USP RS has official status either as a “Current Lot” or as a “Previous Lot” within the valid use date. The [USP Reference Standards Catalog](#) and the online [USP store](#) are updated daily. USP recommends referring to one of these sources prior to using a USP RS to make sure the lot is valid for use. USP cannot support the use of any USP RS lot after its assigned Valid Use Date.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Teri L. Toth'.

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