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CONDOMS

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store away from extreme heat (over 40°C, 104°F); protect from moisture and direct sunlight/fluorescent (tube) light.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical damage to shipping carton • Physical damage to inner box • Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal) • Presence of foreign matter inside package unit • Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name) • Leakage of lubricant <p><i>WARNING:</i> Condoms may deteriorate substantially without showing visible changes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not expose to direct sunlight or fluorescent (tube) light. • Do not store for prolonged periods at high temperatures or close to a hot radiator, motor, or other source of heat or ozone; follow manufacturer's recommendations. • Products may be marked with either date of manufacture or date of expiration. • Expiration date is not a reliable indication of quality as it is based on ideal storage conditions. • Expiration date on spermicidally lubricated condoms refers to the spermicide, not the latex condom. • Condoms supplied by USAID and UNFPA are not spermicidally lubricated; spermicidally lubricated condoms are available from IPPF, upon request. <p><i>NOTE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelf life varies according to national policy; national policy may supercede manufacturer's shelf life. • USAID-procured condoms have a USFDA-approved expiration date of 4 years from the date of manufacture.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
USAID	Alatech, Ansell/Suretex, Unidus	All male condoms are 52 mm lubricated	4 years	Condoms individually sealed in foil laminate; 100 condoms per inner box Minimum order 1 shipping carton Minimum order for special logos 10 million pieces	3,000 condoms (30 inner boxes)	1.85 ft ³ (.052 m ³); 23.2 lbs (10.52 kg)
		Public Sector: Plain (no logo)				
		Social Marketing: Aphaw, Blue & Gold, Chishango, Hiwot, Legal, Lover's Plus, Number One, Pante, Panther, Panther Gold, Protector Plus, Prudence, Prudence Plus, Sathi, Super Trust, Trust				
	Female Health Company	Female condom	5 years	Individually wrapped in plastic pouches Minimum order 1 shipping carton	1,000 condoms	2.25 ft ³ (.64 m ³); 24.9 lbs (11.3 kg)
IPPF	Various	Male condom	Varies by manufacturer	Condoms individually sealed in foil laminate; 144 condoms per inner box	2,880 condoms (20 inner boxes)	Varies, contact IPPF for specifics
Sourced globally by recipient's choice	Various	USAID specifications for condoms provided to IPPF affiliates *	Varies by manufacturer	Condoms individually sealed in foil laminate; 100 condoms per inner box	3,000 condoms (30 inner boxes)	1.86 ft ³ (.053 m ³); 23.2 lbs (10.52 kg)
	Female Health Company	Female condom	5 years	Individually wrapped in plastic pouches Minimum order 1 shipping carton	1,000 condoms	2.25 ft ³ (.64 m ³); 24.9 lbs (11.3 kg)
UNFPA	Various	ISO standard WHO specifications	5 years	Condoms individually sealed in foil laminate; 144 condoms per inner box	7,200 condoms (50 inner boxes)	4.7 ft ³ (.13 m ³); 52 lbs (23.7 kg)
Sourced globally						

* All products provided to IPPF affiliates must certify by letter that they agree to the terms of the Mexico City Policy (MCP) as provided in C1B01-08(R).

Note: Information on product packaging supercedes information on this fact sheet.

IMPLANTS

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store at room temperature (20–25°C, 68–77°F) away from excess heat and moisture.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical damage to shipping carton • Physical damage to inner box • Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal) • Presence of foreign matter inside unit package • Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name) • Unit package missing accompanying product information sheet, use instructions, or manufacturer's name and address • Any missing or excess components • Broken or bent implants • Discolored implants (color other than white or off-white) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expiration date on package refers to sterility of product, assuming packaging not damaged. • Shelf life should not be confused with use life; implants inserted at any time during their shelf life have a use life that is 5 years from the date of insertion. • With sterilization or high-level disinfection (HLD) between each procedure, trocars can be used for multiple insertions. Trocars must be checked for sharpness after every 10 procedures and sharpened, as necessary. Even with careful sharpening, trocars should never be used for more than 100 insertion procedures. • Although trocar sterilization between procedures is optimal, HLD can be used, if necessary. HLD requires several chemical solutions and a boiled water rinse. Implant insertion requires other supplies, such as sterile syringes and needles, local anesthesia, and surgical drapes. Adequate supplies of all required items should be available. • Jadelle®: if previously trained on NORPLANT®, JHPIEGO recommends a one-day training.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
USAID	Schering Oy	NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants	5 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	1 set of NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants contains 6 implants in a sterile pouch; each inner carton contains 50 sets of implants, 5 trocars, 50 copies of patient labeling, 1 set of patient instructions, 1 copy of FDA-approved labeling, and 2 sets of physician instructions Minimum order 50 sets	Accept and ship orders in multiples of 50 NORPLANT [®] sets	Shipping carton dimensions and weight vary according to size of each order Inner carton of 50 sets: 0.0828 ft ³ (.0023 m ³) 0.80 lbs (.36 kg)
IPPF	Schering Oy	NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants	5 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	1 set of NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants contains 6 implants in a sterile pouch; 10 sets per inner box	2 options: a) 2,000 sets (200 boxes x 10 sets) b) 1,000 sets (100 boxes x 10 sets)	a) 60 x 40 x 48 cm; 33.1 lbs (15 kg) b) 35 x 39 x 47 cm; 17.6 lbs (8 kg)
	N.V. Organon	Implanon	5 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	Individually wrapped single-rod inserts; 40 mm long x 2 mm diameter	80 individually wrapped rods	47 x 28 x 24 cm; 9.5 lbs (4.3 kg)
	Schering Oy	Jadelle [®]	3 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	Two rods per set, each 43 mm long x 2.5 mm diameter; 10 sets per inner box	2,000 units (200 boxes of 10 sets)	60 x 40 x 48 cm
UNFPA	Schering Oy	NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants	5 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	1 set of NORPLANT [®] levonorgestrel implants contains 6 implants in a sterile pouch; inner boxes may contain 1 set or 10 sets of implants	1 carton of: a) 100 sets (10 boxes x 10 sets) b) 1,000 sets (100 boxes x 10 sets) c) 5 cartons each with 200 inner boxes	a) 0.5 ft ³ (.013 m ³); 3.3 lbs (1.5 kg) b) 2.1 ft ³ (.06 m ³); 18.8 lbs (8.5 kg) c) 19.6 ft ³ (.58 m ³); 171 lbs (77.5 kg)
	N.V. Organon	Implanon	5 years (plus up to 3 years insertion life*)	Individually wrapped single-rod insert; each 40 mm long x 2 mm diameter	80 individually wrapped rods	47 x 28 x 24 cm; 9.5 lbs (4.3 kg)
	Schering Oy	Jadelle [®]	3 years (plus up to 5 years insertion life*)	Two rods per set, each 43 mm long x 2.5 mm diameter; 10 sets per inner box	2,000 units (200 boxes of 10 sets)	60 x 40 x 48 cm

* Insertion life: length of time a woman can use an implant from the date of insertion. The calculation of the shelf life ends once an implant is inserted. After insertion, use the insertion life as a marker.

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INJECTABLE CONTRACEPTIVES

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store at room temperature (20–25°C, 68–77°F), away from direct sunlight.
Injectables must always be stored upright and protected from freezing.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical damage to shipping carton Physical damage to inner box Physical damage to ampoule/vial (break in package seal) Presence of foreign matter inside ampoule/vial Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name) Missing product information sheet, use instructions, or manufacturer's name and address For aqueous suspensions, solid material remaining on bottom of glass ampoule/vial after vigorous shaking indicates product should not be used (separation occurs normally, but shaking vial vigorously should resuspend solution) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All injectables require a sterile syringe and 21–23 gauge needle for administration; adequate supplies should be available. Storage temperature is critical to product stability; oil-based solutions can become rancid at elevated temperatures; particle size in aqueous suspensions can change with temperature fluctuations, affecting drug efficacy; follow manufacturer's recommendations. NET-EN: (active ingredient norethindrone enanthate) oil-based solution; 2-month use potency. DMPA/MPA: (active ingredient medroxyprogesterone acetate) aqueous suspension; 3-month use potency. Doses per vial vary according to manufacturer, brand, and product specifications. Duration of effectiveness varies by brand. Sediment can collect in neck of bottle and it may be difficult for it to return to liquid solution. Store vials upright. To manage these supplies, provide sharps boxes and correctly dispose of used syringes and needles.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
USAID	Pfizer	Depo-Provera® (DMPA)	4½ years* (5 years for product from Belgium)	Single-dose 150 mg ampoules; 400 auto-disable syringes with 1 inch 22-gauge needles; bundled with 4 sharps containers Minimum order 1 shipping carton	400 ampoules	1.41 ft³ (.04 m³); 15 lbs (6.8 kg)
	Organon	Megestron (MPA)	3 years	Single-dose 150 mg ampoules; 400 auto-disable syringes with 1 inch 22-gauge needles; bundled with 4 sharps containers Minimum order 1 shipping carton	400 ampoules	1.41 ft³ (.04 m³); 15.21 lbs (6.9 kg)
IPPF	Organon	Megestron (MPA)	3 years	Single-dose 150 mg ampoules; 400 auto-disable syringes with 1 inch 22-gauge needles; bundled with 4 sharps containers Minimum order 1 shipping carton	400 ampoules	1.4 ft³ (.04 m³); 14.5 lbs (6.6 kg)
	Pfizer	Depo-Provera® (DMPA)	4 years (5 years for product from Belgium)	Single-dose 150 mg ampoule; 4 trays of 25 ampoules; 100 ampoules per inner box; 100 disposable 2 ml syringes with 1.5 inch 21–23 gauge needles per 100 doses Minimum order 4 inner boxes	1,000 ampoules (10 inner boxes of 100)	19 x 46 x 18 cm; 15.7 lbs (7.1 kg)
	Schering	Noristerat (NET-EN)	5 years	Single-dose 200 mg ampoule; 100 ampoules per inner box Minimum order 1 inner box	3,600 ampoules (36 boxes of 100 vials)	1.8 ft³ (.05 m³); 33.9 lbs (15.4 kg)
UNFPA	Organon	Megestron (MPA)	5 years	Single-dose 2 ml ampoules; 100 ampoules per inner box	1,400 ampoules (14 boxes of 100 vials)	35 x 18 x 32 cm; 29 lbs (13 kg)
	Pfizer	Depo-Provera® (DPMA)	4 years (5 years for product from Belgium)	Single-dose 150 mg ampoules; 100 ampoules per inner box	4,000 ampoules (40 boxes of 100 vials)	4.9 ft³ (.14 m³); 19.4 lbs (8.8 kg)
	Schering	Noristerat (NET-EN)	5 years	200 mg ampoule; 100 single-dose ampoules per inner box	1,100 ampoules (11 boxes of 100 vials)	40 x 30 x 22 cm; 11.4 lbs (5.2 kg)
		Norigynon (NEN-EN)	5 years	1 ml ampoule; 100 ampoules per inner box	2,400 ampoules (24 boxes of 100 vials)	45 x 33 x 33 cm; 23.8 lbs (10.8 kg)

* The first lot of Depo-Provera® with the 4½ year shelf life was manufactured October 12, 2004.

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IUDs

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store at room temperature (20–25°C, 68–77°F); protect from excessive moisture and direct sunlight.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical damage to shipping carton• Physical damage to inner box• Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal)• Presence of foreign matter inside unit package• Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name)• Missing product information sheet, use instructions, or manufacturer's name and address• Any missing or excess components• Misshapen components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For individually packaged devices, expiration date on package refers to sterility of product, assuming packaging not damaged.• Protect IUDs from heat and direct sunlight.• Any break or perforation of sterile package makes product non-sterile.• Copper IUDs sometimes tarnish; copper tarnish does not affect IUD efficacy or safety and does not indicate that package seal has been broken.• Do not confuse shelf life with use life; for example, FEI Products Inc. Copper T 380A inserted at any time during its shelf life (7 years from date of manufacture) has a use life that is at least 12 years from the date of insertion.• Clearly label all devices, because different brands may have different insertion instructions.• IUD insertion requires specialized equipment, disinfectant, and a supply of clean gloves, cotton, gauze, and sponges.• Signs of water damage to packaging indicate that sterility is compromised; discard such packages.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life**	Insertion Life^	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
USAID	FEI Products Inc.*	Copper T 380A	7 years	12 years	Individually packaged with inserter in a polyethylene pouch; sterilized; 25 IUDs per inner box Minimum order 1 shipping carton	200 pieces	1.41 ft ³ (.04 m ³); 16.6 lbs (7.5 kg)
IPPF	Manufacturer varies	Copper T 380A (currently Pregna International 9/00)	7 years	12 years	Individually packaged with inserter; sterilized; 50 IUDs per inner box Minimum order 1 box (50 units)	500 pieces (10 boxes of 50)	43.5 x 30.5 x 41.5 cm; 7.47 kg
	Organon	Multiload Cu 375 (Standard size)	3 years	5 years	Individually packaged with inserter; sterilized	500 pieces (for all models)	71 x 31 x 33 cm; 6.1 kg (for all models)
		Multiload Cu 375 (Short size)	3 years	5 years	Individually packaged with inserter; sterilized	500 pieces (for all models)	71 x 31 x 33 cm; 6.1 kg (for all models)
UNFPA	Organon	Multiload Cu 375	3 years	5 years	Individually packaged with inserter; sterilized; 100 IUDs per inner box	500 units (50 boxes of 10 units)	2.5 ft ³ (.07 m ³); 13.5 lbs (6.1 kg)
		Multiload Cu 250	3 years	3 years	No updated information available	No updated information available	No updated information available
	Pregna, Contech Device-India SMB, Kups-China	Copper T 380A (also made by Medico Techno, Ltd., Singapore, Shangai Medical Suture)	7 years	12 years	Individually packaged in a sterilized pouch; 50–100 IUDs per inner box	No updated information available	No updated information available
		Copper T 200B	3 years	4 years	No updated information available	No updated information available	No updated information available

* Contract ends December 31, 2005. USAID has stock beyond contract end date.

** Shelf life: length of time an IUD can be stored from the manufacture date.

^ Insertion life: length of time a woman can use an IUD from the date of insertion. The calculation of the shelf life ends once an IUD is inserted. After insertion, use the insertion life as a marker. Evidence from the World Health Organization has confirmed excellent efficacy for at least 12 years. (The United States Food and Drug Administration has labeled the copper IUD as effective for only 10 years).

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ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store at controlled room temperature (20–25°C, 68–77°F) away from direct sunlight.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical damage to shipping carton• Physical damage to inner box• Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal)• Presence of foreign matter inside unit package• Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name)• Pills visibly damaged (broken, cracked, discolored, etc.)• Missing pills within blister packs• Signs of pill deterioration (brown spots, crushes/powders easily)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never mix pills from one package with pills from another package.• Some pills are packaged in cycles of 21, others in cycles of 28, depending on whether 7 iron pills or placebos follow the 21 hormonal pills.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation (blister pack = monthly cycle)	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
USAID	Wyeth Pharmaceutical	Public Sector: Lo-Femenal, Lo-Gentrol* (combined, low-dose) Ovrette (progestin only) Social Marketing: Duofem (combined, low-dose)	5 years	Tablets mounted in 4 rows of 7 each (Lo-Femenal, Lo-Gentrol, and Duofem packaged as 21 hormonal pills preceding 7 iron pills; Ovrette packaged as 4 rows of hormonal pills) Inner boxes contain 100 monthly cycle blister packs packed in a paperboard tray; each tray over-wrapped in foil and heat sealed Minimum order 1 shipping carton	1,200 monthly cycles (12 boxes of 100 cycles)	1.41 ft ³ (.04 m ³); 18.25 lbs (8.3 kg) Ovrette only: 1.06 ft ³ (.03 m ³); 11.5 lbs (5.22 kg)
IPPF	Janssen Cilag	Micronor	5 years	Inner boxes of 3 blister packs, packed in bundles of 20	560 monthly cycles (28 bundles of 60 cycles)	No information available
		Cilest	5 years	Inner boxes of 3 blister packs, packed in bundles of 20	560 monthly cycles (28 bundles of 60 cycles)	No information available
	Organon	Exluton	5 years	Inner boxes of 100 blister packs	2,400 monthly cycles (24 boxes of 100 cycles)	49 x 39 x 36 cm; 28.7 lbs (13 kg)
		Marvelon	3 years	Inner boxes of 100 blister packs	1,600 monthly cycles (16 boxes of 100 cycles)	49 x 39 x 36 cm; 26.9 lbs (12.2 kg)
	Schering AG	Combination 3 (Blue Lady), Microgynon 30, Triquilar ED Fe (Blue Lady), Microgest (Blue Lady)	5 years	Inner packs of 3 blister packs	880 monthly cycles	10.56 cm ³ ; 45.4 lbs (20.6 kg)
		Microlut 35	5 years	Inner boxes of 3 blister packs	720 monthly cycles	10.56 cm ³ ; 41 lbs (18.6 kg)

* Lo-Gentrol only available in Philippines.

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Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation (blister pack = monthly cycle)	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
IPPF	Wyeth	Nordette 28 (Blue Lady)	5 years	Inner packs of 3 blister packs	600 monthly cycles	42 x 24 x 25 cm; 10.6 lbs (4.8 kg)
		Microval 35	5 years	Inner packs of 100 blister packs	600 monthly cycles	42 x 24 x 28 cm; 10.6 lbs (4.8 kg)
		Nordette 21 (Blue Lady)	5 years	Inner packs of 3 blister packs	600 monthly cycles	42 x 24 x 26 cm; 8.6 lbs (3.9 kg)
		Trinordiol 28 (Blue Lady)	5 years	Single blister strip, no inner carton	200 monthly cycles	35 x 24.5 x 33 cm; 8.4 lbs (3.8 kg)
		Lo-Femenal (Blue Lady) Ovrette (progestagen only)	5 years	Tablets are mounted in 4 rows of 7 (Lo-Femenal packaged as 21 hormonal pills preceding 7 iron pills; Ovrette packaged as 4 rows of hormonal pills)	1,200 monthly cycles	1.8 x 1.5 x 0.8 cm; 17.7 lbs (8 kg)
		Duofem (social marketing only)	5 years	21 hormonal pills preceding 7 iron pills Inner boxes contain 100 monthly cycle blister packs packed in a paperboard tray, each tray over-wrapped in foil and heat sealed Minimum order 1 shipping carton	1,200 monthly cycles	1.4 ft ³ (.04 m ³); 18.25 lbs (8.3 kg)
UNFPA	Cilag	Micronor	5 years	Inner boxes of 3 blister packs, packed in bundles of 20	560 monthly cycles	No information available
	Gedeon Richter	Rigevidon	5 years	Inner packs of 3 blister packs	3,400 monthly cycles (34 boxes of 100 packs)	3.7 ft ³ (.11 m ³); 59 lbs (27 kg)
		Tri-Regol	5 years	Inner packs of 3 blister packs	3,400 monthly cycles (34 boxes of 100 packs)	3.7 ft ³ (.11 m ³); 44 lbs (20 kg)
	Organon	Exluton 28	5 years	Breastfeeding Lady brand rectangular packaging, inner boxes of 100 blister packs	2,400 monthly cycles (24 boxes of 100 packs)	2.5 ft ³ (.07 m ³); 33.1 lbs (15 kg)
Marvelon 28		3 years	Blue Lady brand rectangular packaging; inner boxes of 100 blister packs	1,600 monthly cycles (16 boxes of 100 packs)	49 x 39 x 36 cm; 34 lbs (15.4 kg)	

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Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation (blister pack = monthly cycle)	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
UNFPA	Schering	Microgynon 30 ED Fe, Triquilar ED Fe	5 years	Blue Lady brand rectangular packaging; inner packs of 3 blister packs	1,080 monthly cycles (360 boxes of 3 packs)	40 x 30 x 44 cm; 19 lbs (8.6 kg)
		Microlut 35	5 years	Blue Lady brand rectangular packaging; inner packs of 3 blister packs	720 monthly cycles (240 boxes of 3 packs)	40 x 30 x 44 cm; 12.3 lbs (5.6 kg)
	Wyeth-Ayerst Canada	Microlut 35	5 years	Circle-shaped packaging; inner boxes of 100 blister packs	No information available	3.7 ft ³ (.11 m ³); 41.1 lbs (18.6 kg)
		Lo-Femenal 28, Lo-Gentrol 28, Duofem 28	5 years	Inner box of 100 monthly cycles	1,200 monthly cycles (12 boxes of 100 packs)	1.2 ft ³ (.036 m ³); 17.7 lbs (8 kg)
		Ovrette	5 years	Inner box of 100 monthly cycles	1,200 monthly cycles (12 boxes of 100 packs)	35.5 x 42 x 22 cm; 11.5 lbs (5.2 kg)
	Wyeth France	Minidril	5 years	No information available	No information available	No information available
		Stediril	5 years	No information available	No information available	No information available
		Microval 28	5 years	No information available	No information available	No information available
		Adepal	5 years	No information available	No information available	No information available
	Wyeth-Pharma Germany	Microval 35	5 years	Inner packs of 3 monthly cycles	600 monthly cycles (200 boxes of 3 packs)	1.1 ft ³ (.03 m ³); 10.6 lbs (4.8 kg)
		Nordette 21	5 years	Inner packs of 3 monthly cycles	600 monthly cycles (200 boxes of 3 packs)	.9 ft ³ (.026 m ³); 8.6 lbs (3.9 kg)
		Nordette 28	5 years	Inner packs of 3 monthly cycles	600 monthly cycles (200 boxes of 3 packs)	.8 ft ³ (.025 m ³); 10.6 lbs (4.8 kg)
		Trinordiol 28 (Blue Lady)	5 years	No information available	400 monthly cycles	1.1 ft ³ (.03 m ³); 8.4 lbs (3.8 kg)

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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS

Recommended Storage Conditions:
Store away from direct sunlight in a cool place.

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical damage to shipping carton • Physical damage to inner box • Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal) • Presence of foreign matter inside unit package • Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name) • Pills visibly damaged (broken, cracked, discolored, etc.) • Missing pills within blister packs • Signs of pill deterioration (brown spots, crushes/powders easily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency contraceptive pills containing estrogen/progestin must be taken in two doses, the first dose as soon as possible after intercourse and the second dose 12 hours later. Levonorgestrel-only emergency contraceptive pills can be taken either in two doses, as above, or in a single 1.5 mg dose. • Special precautions for storage: Store below 25°C (77°F). Keep blister packs in outer packaging. • Store emergency contraceptive pills in a dry, well-lit, and well-ventilated storeroom. <p><i>NOTE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency contraceptives should not replace a regular contraceptive method. • Emergency contraceptives do not prevent a pregnancy in every instance, especially 72 hours after unprotected intercourse. The efficacy appears to decline with time, but can be effective up to 120 hours. • Emergency contraceptive pills cannot interrupt an existing pregnancy, and for that reason should not be given to pregnant women. If menstrual bleeding is overdue, or if pregnancy is suspected for any other reason, a pregnancy test should be administered before taking emergency contraceptives. However, if emergency contraceptive pills are inadvertently used in the early stages of pregnancy, experts believe there is no harm to the pregnant woman or the fetus.

Donor	Manufacturer/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
IPPF	HRA Pharma	NorLevo® (0.75 mg levonorgestrel-only regimen)	3 years	White, round tablet with no marking Each blister pack contains 2 tablets, over-wrapped in PVC/PE/PVDC/aluminum blister Patient information leaflet (PIL) enclosed in each box	360 NorLevo® boxes (1 box = 1 full treatment + PIL)	12 x 4.5 x 1.5 cm; 17.6 lbs (8 kg)
	Gedeon Richter Ltd.	Postinor-2 (0.75 mg levonorgestrel-only regimen)	5 years	White, round tablet Each blister pack contains 2 tablets, over-wrapped in aluminum foil	1,915 treatments	62 x 45 x 38 cm; 19.8 lbs (9 kg)
UNFPA	Gedeon Richter Ltd.	Postinor-2 (0.75 mg levonorgestrel-only regimen)	5 years	White, round tablet Each blister pack contains 2 tablets, over-wrapped in aluminum foil	1,800 treatments	56 x 51 x 38 cm; 25.1 lbs (11.4 kg)

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SPERMICIDAL/VAGINAL BARRIER METHODS

Recommended Storage Conditions:
Store at room temperature (15–30°C, 59–86°F).

Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems	Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical damage to shipping carton Physical damage to inner box Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal) Presence of foreign matter inside unit package Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot, and batch numbers; expiration and/or manufacture date; and manufacturer's name) Missing use instructions or manufacturer's name and address <p>Vaginal Foaming Tablets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tablets broken Tablets discolored (should be white to off-white) Tablets soft or crumbly (should be hard) Puffy packages <p>Foam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dented can <p>Diaphragms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hole(s) in device Package seal broken Discoloration <p>Jellies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tube wrinkled or leaking 	<p>Vaginal Foaming Tablets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some tablets are individually wrapped, others are packaged in tubes. <p>Foam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cans should be stored in upright position. <p>Diaphragms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be used with spermicidal cream or jelly; sufficient supplies of these commodities should be available. Made of latex; do not expose to direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, or ozone. Must be sized for user by health care provider. <p>Jellies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In most cases, an applicator is required for use; sufficient supplies should be available. <p>Suppositories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May melt at elevated temperatures; can be rehardened by refrigeration with no loss in potency.

Donor	Manufacturer/Method/Brand		Shelf Life	Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation	Units per Shipping Carton	Dimensions & Weight of Carton
IPPF	Eisai	VFT: Neo-Sampoon	3 years	20 tablets per tube; 20 tubes per inner box; 8 inner boxes per shipping carton	3,200 tablets (8 boxes of 400 tablets)	0.6 ft ³ (.017 m ³); 12.8 lbs (5.8 kg)
	Innotech	VFT: Pharmatex	2 years	12 tablets per tube	3,600 tablets (300 boxes of 12 tablets)	0.5 ft ³ (.02 m ³); 14.1 lbs (6.4 kg)
	FP Sales	Diaphragms	No information available	Individually packaged in cardboard box; 12 units per inner box	No information available	No information available
	FP Sales	Gynol II	2 years	Tube: 24 tubes per inner box Single: 24 applicators per inner box	No information available	No information available
UNFPA	Eisai	VFT: Neo-Sampoon	3 years	20 tablets per tube; 20 tubes per inner box; 8 inner boxes per shipping carton	3,200 tablets (8 boxes of 400 tablets)	0.6 ft ³ (.017 m ³); 12.8 lbs (5.8 kg)
	Innotech International	VFT: Pharmatex	2 years	12 tablets per tube	3,600 tablets (300 boxes of 12 tablets)	0.5 ft ³ (.02 m ³); 14.1 lbs (6.4 kg)
		Spermicide: Pharmatex	3 years	72 g tube with applicator	3,600 tablets (300 boxes of 12 tablets)	0.5 ft ³ (.02 m ³); 14.1 lbs (6.4 kg)

Note: Information on product packaging supercedes information on this fact sheet.

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www.ippf.org/pubs/service.htm

For information from Family Planning Victoria on emergency contraception:
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IPPF Medical and Service Delivery Guidelines (2004).

Both available online at: <http://www.ippf.org/ContentController.aspx?ID=801> or direct inquiries to:

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Outlook, published quarterly by Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH). Direct inquiries to:

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Population Reports, published quarterly by the Information and Knowledge for Optimal Health Project of The Johns Hopkins University. Direct inquiries to:

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World Health Organization series of technical guidelines for the provision of contraceptive services. Direct inquiries to:

Department of Reproductive Health and Research
World Health Organization
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Family Planning Victoria guidelines on emergency contraception. Direct inquiries to:

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