



Background





Who is Novo Nordisk?

Novo Nordisk is a Danish pharmaceutical company specialized in diabetes and obesity.







What?

Attention: Our products have gained world-wide attention mainly due to weight-loss effects.

Counterfeit: This has lead to a surge of counterfeit products.



Why?

Patient safety: Failure to comply with label or instruction may cause safety concerns

Dangerous: Counterfeit may cause patient harm

Low quality Failure to observe cold-chain or storage requirements may cause patient harm





At-risk Products











Ozempic® is approved for treatment of type 2 diabetes. It is injected once weekly.



Rybelsus is approved for treatment of type 2 diabetes. It is taken as a tablet daily.



Wegovy® is approved for treatment of obesity. It is injected once weekly.



Norditropin® is a growth hormone approved for treatment of growth disorders.





Keep these 3 things in mind:

1. The Sales channel

The counterfeits are found on both **physical** and **online** channels

 Our products should only be sold in legitimate channels.

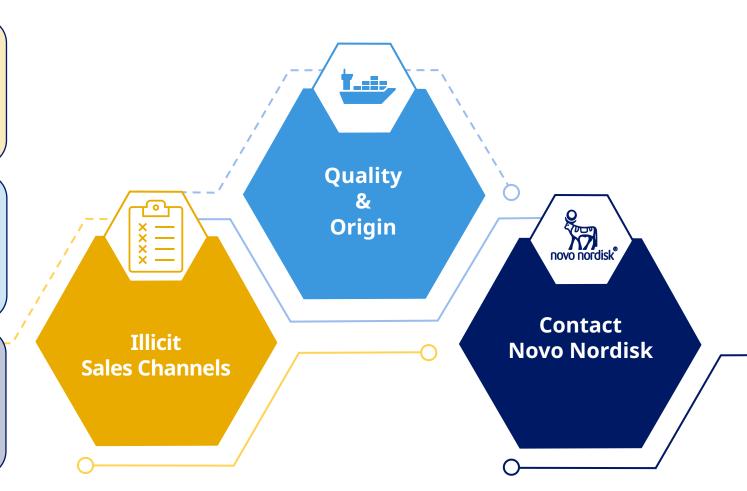
2. Quality & Origin

The products require **professional distribution** and **cold chain networks**.

Our products are only produced by certain factories

3. Contact Novo Nordisk

If you have **suspicions** that counterfeit products are making it to your market, please contact **Novo Nordisk**.



1. The sales channels





ExampleOzempic sells online



WHAT is it about?

Sales of semaglutide is increasing online and offline.

- Online sales: E-commerce platforms, social media (influencers and illegal sellers) and fake websites
- Offline sales: Pharmacies, gyms clubs

HOW to manage it?

For online sales:

- Be aware on social media (TikTok, X (Ex-Twitter), Facebook...)
- The fake advertisements redirect to fraudulent websites
- Notify us and will take care of the website shutdown
 For offline sales:
- In any case of suspicious NN product sales, contact us.

Example

Ozempic Packaging labelled "Bayer" found in a gym





2. Quality & Origin



ExampleFake batch number



ORIGIN of the product

Our products are only manufactured at the listed sites here

It is counterfeit if products are claimed manufactured elsewhere

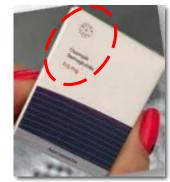
Trends:

- Counterfeit Rybelsus from China
- Counterfeit Ozempic from Turkey (on the rise)

VERIFICATION of packaging

- Check the dates
- Check the batch number below the dates.
- If the batch number is in <u>this list</u>, be suspicious
- Check the general packaging (Novo Nordisk logo, spelling errors, quality of openings...)

ExampleIncorrect packaging (wrong logo and design)



ExampleSpelling errors on packaging



3. Contact Novo Nordisk







Suspicion?

If you have suspicions that counterfeit products are making it to your market, please contact the people below or directly **Global Security**

Contact Novo Nordisk

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Our Production Facilities



Bagsværd, Kalundborg, Hillerød, Gentofte, Værløse, Måløv Company: Novo Nordisk Denmark / Novo Nordisk A/S

France

Chartres
Company: NN France Production

China

Tianjin
Company: Novo Nordisk China

Brazil

Monte Claros Company: Novo Nordisk Brazil

USA

Clayton, Durham, New Hampshire Company: Novo Nordisk Inc. / Novo Nordisk USA (Clayt.)

Japan

Koriyama Company: Novo Nordisk Japan Iran

Tehran

Company: NN Pars (PSI)

Algeria

Blida, Tizi Ouzou Company: Aldaph SPA

Russia

Kaluga

Company: Novo Nordisk Russia

Our at-risk products are all manufactured from one of these sites.

 Any product packaging claiming to be manufactured elsewhere is counterfeit

If you see a company that doesn't belong to the one the side, you can't trust it and you should directly report the shipment







All NN products entering ESTONIA come via these importers and at these ports of entry:

Importers and distributors:

Producers:

- Novo Nordisk A/S
- NN France Production
- Novo Nordisk Brazil

Distributors:

- Magnum Medical OU
- TAMRO EESTI OU
- BALTFARMA OU

Port of entry:

Magnum Medical LTd.

Products imported, distributed or with a point of entry elsewhere, are counterfeit or diverted



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Main Batch Numbers at risk

- Batch numbers are written on the back of the packaging, below the dates
- They are important numbers for us to track our products and their origin

Currently, we observe the following batch number at risk:

Batch do not exist with NN	Product	Frequently used Batch numbers	Product
NS6GG22	Rybelsus®	MP5B060	Ozempic®
FT4A281	Ozempic ®		
NDC7139	Norditropin®	NP5E775	Ozempic®
MC74746	Norditropin ®	NS6JT27	Rybelsus®
MG5B070	Ozempic ®	1430)127	Nybelsus
JS7A925	Ozempic®	NO6F617	Wegovy®
NPSG234	Ozempic ®		







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If you notice a batch number from this list on a shipment, please be vigilant!

Norditropin®

- For Ozempic MP5B060, if its 1 mg it is a counterfeit.
- For Ozempic NP5E775, batch number does not exist for Ozempic but exist for Saxenda and sold in Argentina
- For Rybelsus NS6JT27, batch number does not exist for Rybelsus but exist for NovoEight intended to be sold in Colombia



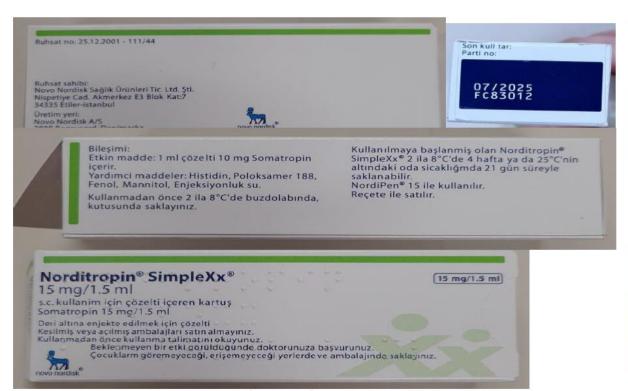


Norditropin® SimpleXx® no more in production worldwide, but still counterfeited

CF Batch numbers: FC83012, NDC7139, MC74746, 9F808A

Seen recently in Turkey and Greece

Abused by bodybuilders







Picture 1: Photos of falsified Norditropin® SimpleXx® 15 mg 1.5 ml, solution injectable, batch FC83012.





Counterfeit **Rybelsus** example

- Rybelsus ranks as the second-most counterfeited Novo Nordisk product
- Examine the packaging for spelling mistakes
- The provided images highlight the spelling discrepancies identified









global security Counterfeit Saxenda example



Modus operandi:

- Counterfeiters utilized Apidra SoloStar pens that resemble those of Saxenda. The pens are Sanofi's product, designed for administering rapid-acting insulin.
 - They substituted the original Apidra labels with counterfeit Saxenda labels
 - They distributed Alvita needles with the pens, in place of Novo Nordisk's own

Genuine



Genuine Saxenda® pen

Counterfeit





Fake Saxenda pen:

- Fake label of poor quality
- Not adhering well to the pen



How to differentiate:

- **Dose Selector** extends up to 80 on counterfeit
- Label on the pen and carton: poor quality and not adhering well to the pen
- Counterfeit needles: ALVITA





New Modus operandi - NN genuine rapid insulin pen relabeled as **Ozempic**





How to differentiate:

- Counterfeiters are using NN rapid insulin pens and relabelling them as Ozempic
- The Ozempic® pen is light blue with a gray injection button, while Fiasp® insulin pens are dark blue with an orange button



Modus operandi:

- Counterfeiters utilized Apidra SoloStar pens (1) that resemble those of Ozempic (2). The pens are Sanofi's product, designed for administering rapid-acting insulin.
 - They substituted the original Apidra labels with counterfeit Ozempic labels (3)
 - They distributed Alvita needles (4) with the pens, in place of Novo Nordisk's own











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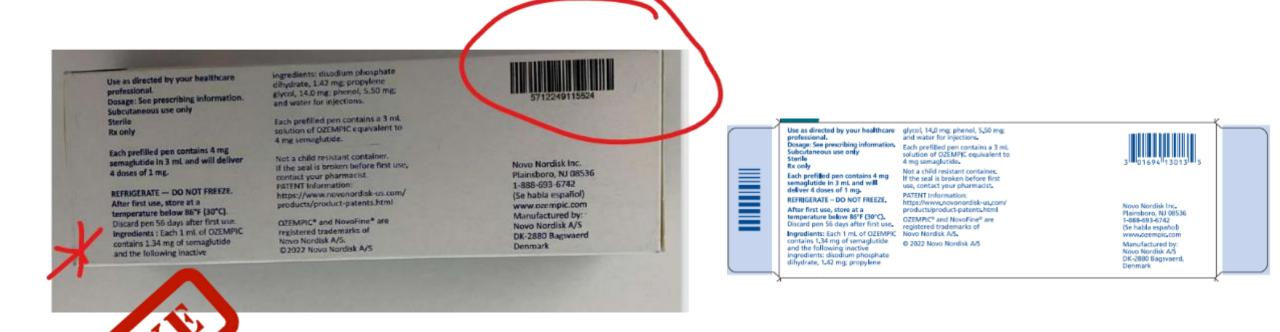




• The fake on the left has a darker blue compared to the more aqua blue for the authentic carton. All the other letterings are a good copy.







- The fake in left has a different SKU number compared to the original carton.
- The line of the information is misaligned compared to the original, starting from "Refrigerate .."

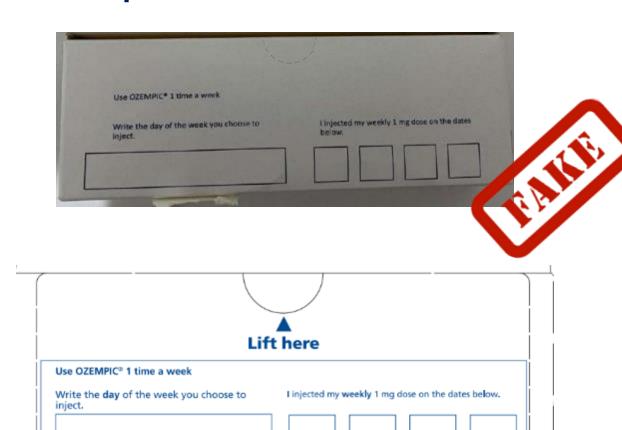








The fake is missing a white upside down triangle

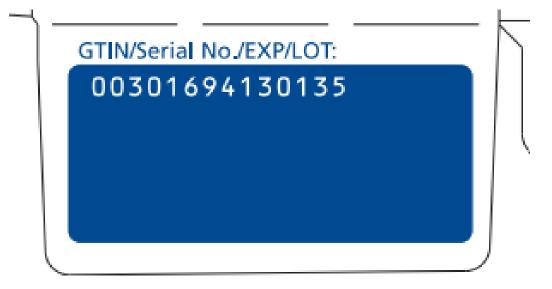


Poor printing image on the fake and missing bold wording "day" and "weekly". Also missing "Lift here"









GTIN is incorrect and the order of the various information. The QR code is black and white where in the legitimate carton is blue and white.









- The fake carton was for a "1 mg" but label has "3 ml". The real does not have "3 ml".
- The rest is all different below "For single patient use only"