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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 7 April. You wrote:

We are inquiring in relation to recall EL(25)A/16 for Synalar Gel 30g and 60g;

If a wholesaler has exported this stock and the advice in the recall notification states to return back to the supplier; does the exporter/wholesaler from UK need to get the exported(now recalled) batch back into UK to return it to it's manufacturer/supplier in UK?

or can ask the customer to quarantine and share destruction record, as it is exported.

MHRA Response

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Your request asks questions on what a wholesaler would need to do in certain scenarios concerning the recall of Synalar Gel. This would need new information to be created.

We do not hold any recorded information to answer your request and will therefore not be progressing your request any further.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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