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Our Ref: **FOI2026/00002**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on 2 January 2026. You wrote:

*We understand that Merbentyl Syrup 10 mg/5 ml was initially granted marketing authorisation to Aventis Pharma Limited under PL No. PL 04425/0047. Subsequently, the ownership of the product appears to have been transferred to Winthrop Pharmaceuticals UK Limited under PL No. PL 17780/0564.*

*As Merbentyl Syrup 10 mg/5 ml is currently not available on the UK market, we kindly request your confirmation of the current Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH) for this product, along with the corresponding PL number.*

### **MHRA Response**

Merbentyl Syrup 10 mg/5 ml (PL 04425/0047) was granted to Aventis Pharma Limited on 13 July 1983. This marketing authorisation was cancelled on 19 April 2011 because of a Change of Authorisation holder (CoA) to Zentiva Pharma UK Limited (PL 17780/0564). This marketing authorisation was subsequently cancelled on 07 April 2025 due to commercial reasons, with no further changes of authorisation holder taking place.

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

Yours sincerely,

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