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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

MAGNESIUM SULFATE PASTE; DEFINITION

The formula for the extemporaneous preparation of Magnesium Sulfate Paste specifies the use of Glycerol that has previously been heated at 120° for an hour and allowed to cool.

It has come to our attention that the requirement to heat the Glycerol at 120° is no longer justified. The quality of the formulation is not affected if Glycerol that has not been previously heated at high temperatures is used. In addition, when the formulation is manufactured on a larger scale the need to move quantities of hot liquid is potentially dangerous.

The requirement to heat the Glycerol will be removed from the monograph in a future publication.

Please accept this letter as a notice of intent to amend the monograph on behalf of the British Pharmacopoeia Commission. This letter is for information only and does not represent a legally enforceable standard. The revised monograph will be published in a future edition of the British Pharmacopoeia. The target publication is the **British Pharmacopoeia 2024**, which will be published in August 2023 and will come into force on **1st January 2024**.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the British Pharmacopoeia at bpcom@mhra.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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