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RE: ENCORE® RADIATION ATTENUATION – PHASE OUT

Dear Valued Customer,

At Ansell, we're always looking for ways to optimize our portfolio to ensure we're meeting customer needs. This means we must sometimes rationalize styles due to obsolescence, duplication, or to obtain better operational efficiencies resulting in better supply for more popular styles. Accordingly, as market dynamics continue to shift to a latex-free environment within healthcare facilities, we have made the decision to phase out our latex ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation gloves.

The dedicated replacement style will be our [GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation Glove](#), which offers the same level of protection *and* some added benefits in a latex-free design. Our warehouses are fully stocked with the GAMMEX style now. Product numbers can be found below, and you can order immediately. For those who wish to temporarily order the ENCORE style, note that some sizes are expected to become obsolete by the end of this month, and we anticipate full depletion of all sizes in approximately 3 months.

ENCORE RADIATION ATTENUATION (CURRENT PRODUCT)	
Packaging	5 pairs per box
Material	Latex with bismuth oxide
Color	Khaki
Recommended for protecting hands from image guided interventional procedures (fluoroscopy)	

PRODUCT NAME	SIZE	PRODUCT NUMBER
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	6.5	20873065
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	7	20873070
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	7.5	20873075
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	8	20873080
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	8.5	20873085
ENCORE® Radiation Attenuation	9	20873090
These latex, powder-free sterile gloves reduce skin-dose scattered radiation exposure by up to 53.7% (beam energy level 60 kVp) during fluoroscopic procedures, compared to a 1% reduction** with standard surgical gloves		

*at a beam energy level of 60 kVp (data on file)

**Wagner LK, Mulhern OR. Radiation-attenuating surgical gloves: effects of scatter and secondary electron production. Radiology. 1996;200(1):45–48

GAMMEX PI RADIATION ATTENUATION (REPLACEMENT PRODUCT)	
Packaging	5 pairs per box
Material	Polyisoprene with Tungsten
Color	Black
Recommended for protecting hands from image guided interventional procedures (fluoroscopy)	

PRODUCT NAME	SIZE	PRODUCT NUMBER
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	6.5	20873565
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	7.0	20873570
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	7.5	20873575
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	8.0	20873580
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	8.5	20873585
GAMMEX® PI Radiation Attenuation	9.0	20873590
Suitable for use with C-Arms, these lead-free gloves reduce skin-dose exposure to scattered radiation by 60.0%, compared to just 1%** with standard surgical gloves		

If you have any questions regarding our Radiation Attenuation gloves or the transition, please contact your local Ansell Sales Representative, Ansell Channel Manager, or Ansell Customer Services at 1-800-952-9916. Thank you for your continued support and partnership

Sincerely,

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