



## COMMUNICATION FROM NMEu TO THE EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY FOR THE SUPPLY OF RADIOISOTOPES FOR MEDICAL USE

### COMMUNICATION REGARDING GLOBAL SUPPLY OF MO-99 and I-131 THROUGH MID-OCTOBER 2019

Brussels, 9 August 2019

The Security of Supply Working Group has been notified by ANSTO, as stated in ANSTO's customer communication dated 2 August 2019, that the planned OPAL reactor one month maintenance in September-October 2019 has been postponed. ANSTO anticipates that the extended shutdown will be re-scheduled within the next six months after consultation with stakeholders. ANSTO has re-confirmed that it does not anticipate being able to increase Mo-99 production beyond the current two runs a week until all approvals have been received from the regulator. This not likely to be until the last quarter 2019.

The Security of Supply Working Group has been informed by NTP that it continued to successfully perform weekly Mo-99 productions during July and that it is still on target to increase capacity in August. The resumption of I-131 production was delayed and now is also expected to take place in August.

Nuclear Medicine Europe reiterates its prior guidance that there is a likelihood of occasional supply shortages during the upcoming approximately two-month period. Medical institutions should contact their Tc-99m generator or I-131 supplier(s) or radiopharmacies regularly to be informed of the expected weekly supply situation.

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