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Candesartan Viatris 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg Tablets
– French Carton, Foils and Leaflet

Dear Healthcare Professional,

We are writing to provide you with an important update regarding candesartan cilexetil tablets sponsored by Viatris Ltd.

To ensure continuous supply, provisional consent has been granted by Medsafe for Candesartan Viatris 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg tablets to allow the supply of product manufactured for the French market into New Zealand.

There are differences in the formulation and appearance of the tablets between the current funded product Candestar and Candesartan Viatris. Please refer to the table overleaf.

The blister strips from the French market will be placed into New Zealand registered cartons (in English). As the blister strips are from a different market, the following is of note:

- The foils are in French
- The trade name printed on the foils differ slightly from ‘Candesartan Viatris’.

Due to supply constraints, there will be a period where 4 mg French blister strips will be packed in a French carton with a French patient leaflet. **This is a temporary situation. Please discard the French patient leaflet.**

The 4 mg French cartons will be replaced with the 4 mg New Zealand specific cartons and the French patient leaflet will be removed at the earliest opportunity. For your reference, images of the French carton, and foils are included in the table overleaf.

Adverse Event Reporting & Medical Enquiries

Please report any suspected adverse events via email to Medinfo_anz@viatris.com. Alternatively, suspected adverse events may be reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) online at <https://pophealth.my.site.com/carmreportnz/s/> reporting or by email to CARMreport@health.govt.nz. Please direct any medical enquiries to Viatris or report any suspected adverse drug reactions to Viatris via telephone on 0800 168 169 or by email at medinfo_anz@viatris.com.

Yours sincerely,

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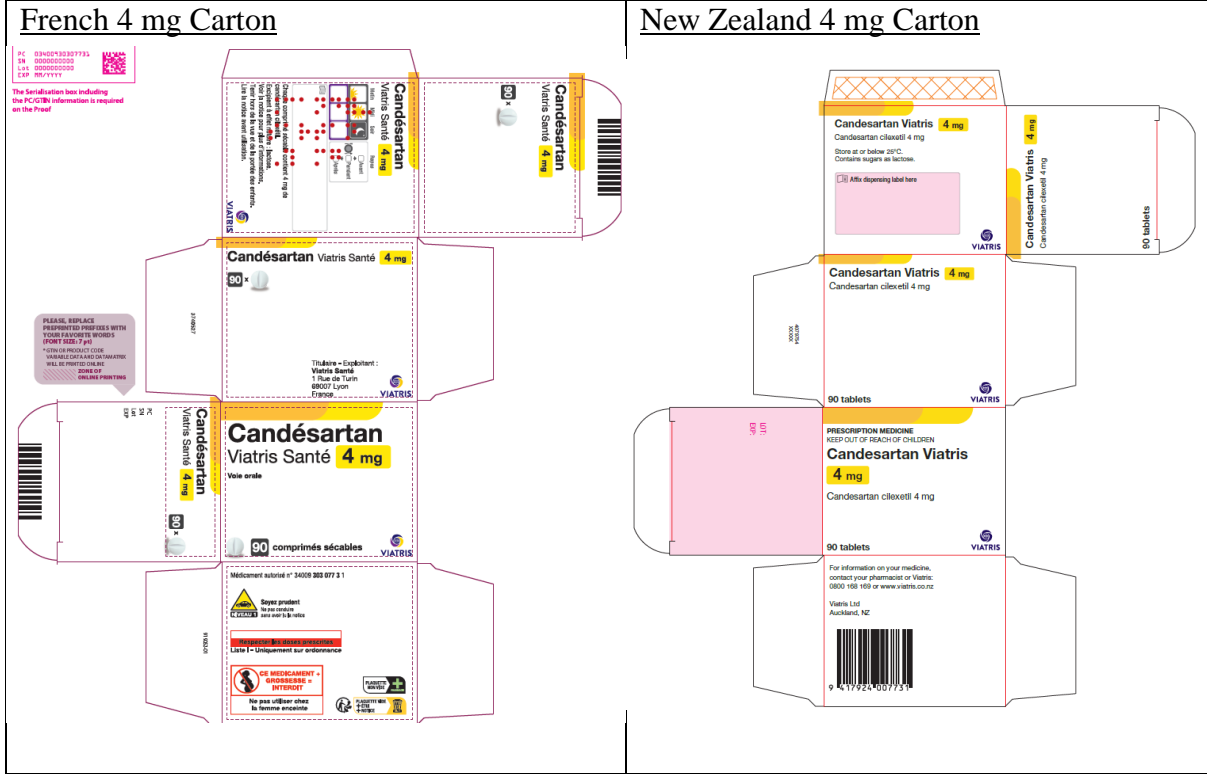
Formulation

<p><u>Candestar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candesartan Cilexetil • Lactose Monohydrate • Mannitol • Carmellose Calcium • Hydroxypropyl Cellulose • Magnesium Stearate 	<p><u>Candesartan Viatris</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candesartan Cilexetil • Lactose Monohydrate • Maize Starch • Hydroxypropyl Cellulose • Carmellose Calcium • Macrogol • Magnesium Stearate • Ferric Oxide Red (8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg only)
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Tablet Appearance

<p><u>Candestar 4 mg</u></p> <p>White to off white, round, biconvex tablet debossed with “M” over “C1” on one side, and plain with a break line on the other side.</p>	<p><u>Candesartan Viatris 4 mg</u></p> <p>White to off-white, round tablets with approximately 7 mm of diameter, with a score line on one face and a “4” on the other face.</p>
<p><u>Candestar 8 mg</u></p> <p>White to off white, round, biconvex tablet debossed with “M” over “C5” on one side, and plain with a break line on the other side.</p>	<p><u>Candesartan Viatris 8 mg</u></p> <p>Round tablets with approximately 6.4 mm of diameter, non-uniform pink colour (with possible darker colour or white spots) with a score line on one face and a “8” on the other face.</p>
<p><u>Candestar 16 mg</u></p> <p>White to off white, round, biconvex tablet debossed with “M” over “C6” on one side, and plain with a break line on the other side.</p>	<p><u>Candesartan Viatris 16 mg</u></p> <p>Round tablets of approximately 7 mm diameter, non-uniform pink colour (with possible darker colour or white spots) with a score line on one face and a “16” on the other face.</p>
<p><u>Candestar 32 mg</u></p> <p>White to off white, round, biconvex tablet debossed with “M” over “C7” on one side, and plain with a break line on the other side.</p>	<p><u>Candesartan Viatris 32 mg</u></p> <p>Round tablets of approximately 9.5 mm diameter, non-uniform pink colour (with possible darker colour or white spots) with a score line on one face and a “32” on the other face.</p>

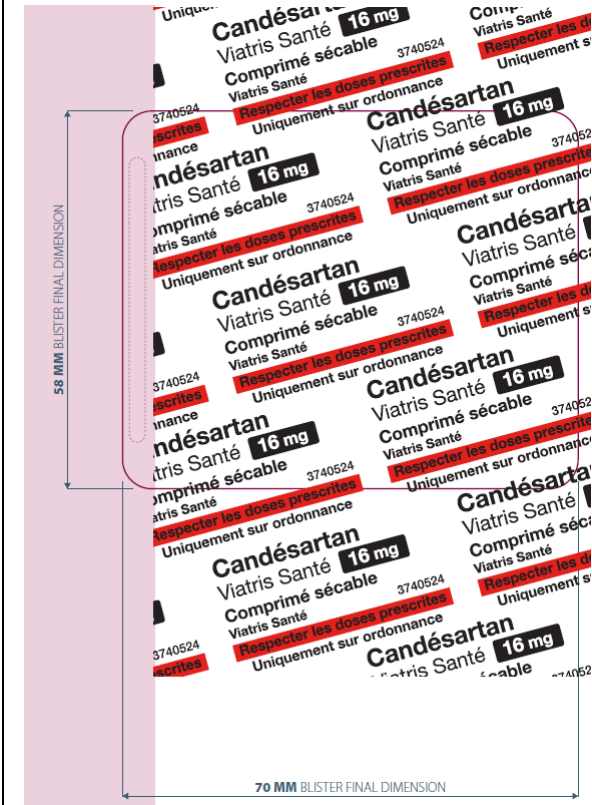
Carton Overview



Foil Overview



16 mg Foil



32 mg Foil

