December 20, 2021

Dear Valued Customer,

Thank you for your patience and flexibility over the past few months as we worked to lessen the extent of the delays related to an industry-wide packaging materials shortage that impacted the following endomechanical products:

- **Open Multi-clip Applier**: codes MCS20, MSM20, MCM20, MCM30, MCL20
- **10mm Laparoscopic Clip Applier ERCA**: code ER320
- **Single Ligaclips**: codes LT100, LT102, LT202, LT200, LT300, LT400
- **Proximate Plus MD Skin Staplers**: codes PMW35, PMR35
- **Linear Cutter Cartridges**: codes TCR10 and TCR55

Our previous communication dated 9/27/2021 is attached for your reference.

We are pleased to inform you that we are receiving the impacted codes weekly and have minimal to no delays in shipping for both direct and distributor orders for the codes listed in Table 1 (see attached). However, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact supply chains, we do anticipate continued delayed delivery through Q1 2022 for several open multi-clip applier and skin stapler codes listed in Table 2 (also attached).

Please continue to place orders as usual, in normal amounts and with normal frequency, so we can provide you with the most accurate information regarding product availability. For any questions specific to your account, please work with your local Ethicon representative. For immediate questions, please contact our customer support team at 1-877-ETHICON.

We remain committed to work with our suppliers to explore all options to ensure product availability. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ethicon US, LLC
**Table 1:** Product codes with minimal to no shipping delays for direct & distributor orders

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**Table 2:** Product codes that have potentially delayed delivery through Q1 2022

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*PXW35 code added to impacted list as of December 2021*
September 27, 2021

Dear Valued Customer,

As global manufacturers continue to navigate periodic supply chain disruptions driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme weather events, we have important information to share regarding one of our packaging material suppliers and their sub-tier suppliers which is affecting the medical device industry.

An external supplier for Ethicon has notified us of an industry-wide shortage of certain raw materials that are critical components in the packaging process of some of our endomechanical medical devices and there is potential for delayed delivery for select products.

In light of this supply shortage, we are currently evaluating the situation and prioritizing procedure-critical devices for packaging. While we are working with our supplier to explore all options to help ensure product availability and minimize customer disruption, in the short term there remains the potential for delayed delivery for the following endomechanical products.

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Please note, this supply situation is not related to a quality issue with these products. As we work with our suppliers to address the situation, we will continue to require that all quality, compliance, and regulatory requirements for our products are met.

While the material shortage will create some uncertainty in the supply of select endomechanical devices over the next few months, our commitment to you is to provide timely communication of the situation so that you can manage critical surgeries for your patients.

In the meantime, please continue to place orders as usual and work with your local Ethicon representative on any questions specific to your account. For immediate questions, please call 1-800-255-2500.

At Ethicon, our first responsibility is to the patients and healthcare providers who rely on our products and services, and we are doing all we can to minimize the impact of this unforeseen supply disruption.

Sincerely,

Leslie Storms
President, Ethicon US