

NEWS RELEASE

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Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory obtains import drug license of Cefazolin Sodium for Injection/Sodium Chloride Injection in China

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc. (OPF) obtained an import drug license for Cefazolin Sodium for Injection/Sodium Chloride Injection from the CFDA (China Food and Drug Administration) on July 26, 2017.

An antibiotic kit product, a first of its kind to be imported and distributed in China, will be exported by OPF from Japan while its subsidiary, Suzhou Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. will take charge of the marketing and sales management of the product. Local distributors will be appointed to import and distribute the product.

The product that has received approval in China was originally launched by OPF in 1996 as the first antibiotic kit product in Japan, and is currently sold in the market under the name of Cefazolin Sodium Injection 1g Bag Otsuka. The kit product involves one plastic bag separated by a seal and contains antibiotic in one chamber and diluent in the other. The product was developed for the purpose of easing the work load for users at medical institutions at the time of administration and dispensing, as well as for the prevention of bacterial and other contamination, and reduction of waste disposal

Shinichi Ogasawara, President and Representative Director of OPF commented, “Otsuka group started its business in China in the early 1980s with IV solutions. I am very pleased with the approval of importation and distribution of the kit product as it will furthermore contribute to the healthcare of China.”

Based on the corporate philosophy of “Otsuka-people creating new products for better health worldwide”, the Otsuka group of companies is dedicated to contributing to the health of people around the world.



Cefazolin Sodium Injection 1g Bag Otsuka sold in Japan

Company Profile

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc.

Established	: October 7, 1969 (Founded September 1, 1921)
Capital	: 80 million yen
Representative	: Shinichi Ogasawara, President and Representative Director
Head office	: 115 Kuguhara, Tateiwa, Muya-cho, Naruto, Tokushima, Japan
Employees	: 2,309 (as of December 31, 2016)
Scope of Business	: Manufacture, sale, import and export of clinical nutrition products, and other pharmaceutical products, medical devices, and functional foods, etc.
Website (URL)	: http://www.otsukakj.jp/en/

Suzhou Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Established	: February 16, 2007
Capital	: USD 56 million
Representative	: Meguru Kajiwara, Chairman
Head office	: No.16, Zhongtian Lane, Suzhou Industrial Park, Jiangsu, China
Employees	: 224 (as of December 31, 2016)
Scope of Business	: Manufacture of pharmaceutical products (antibiotic kit products)