



November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**RE: Product Discontinuation Notification of BD Vacutainer® SPS Tube 364960**

Dear Valued Customer:

This communication contains important information concerning the planned discontinuation of the BD Vacutainer® SPS Tube.

BD regularly reviews the products within its portfolio to ensure that our offering is reflective of customer requirements. As part of this review process, we launch new products or, make decisions to sunset products that have reached the end of their useful life. As a result of changing clinical practices, the demand for these tubes has declined.

For these reasons, BD will be discontinuing the BD Vacutainer® SPS Tube. This discontinuation will be effective on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, allowing time for laboratories to assess and implement alternatives prior to discontinuation. Please note that BD provides an array of BD BACTEC™ products for whole blood microbiology applications.

Please refer to the table below for the catalog number listed of the product that will be discontinued. This discontinuation will take effect on **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

Catalog Numbers Planned for Discontinuation:

Discontinued Product Catalog#	Product Description	Suggested Alternative	Product Description
364960	BD Vacutainer® SPS Tube, 16x100mm, 8.3mL Sodium polyanethol sulfonate (SPS) (0.35% in 0.85% sodium chloride) 1.7 mL [additive volume]		BD BACTEC™ Blood Culture Vials

\*The potential alternative products are BD's suggestion based on its own comparison of the form, features, and functions of the discontinued products and the potential alternative products. Depending on a customer's circumstances, clinical requirements and intended use of the proposed alternative product, such product may not be a clinically appropriate alternative to the discontinued product, and any such determination shall be made by the customer.

We understand the important role that our products play in ensuring accurate diagnostic test results for your patients as well as safety and confidence for your clinical staff. For more information about these changes, please contact our BD Technical Services Team at 1.800.638.8663, option 3, or email us at [Technical\\_Services@bd.com](mailto:Technical_Services@bd.com). For all other questions, please contact BD customer service at 1.844.823.5433.

Sincerely,

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