## **Press Release**



# Sanofi prevails in Zantac arbitration initiated by Boehringer Ingelheim

- Arbitral tribunal dismisses claim brought by Boehringer Ingelheim ("BI") against Sanofi for indemnification of potential liabilities related to the ongoing Zantac litigation in the U.S.; decision is final and cannot be appealed
- Key U.S. federal court ruling in December 2022 found no reliable evidence that Zantac causes the alleged injuries, bolstered similar findings by FDA and EMA; tens of thousands of claimants have abandoned their claims
- Sanofi remains highly confident in defense of underlying U.S. Zantac litigation as confirmed by developments over the last 6 months

**Paris, June 20, 2023.** Sanofi announces that in an International Chamber of Commerce dispute, the tribunal dismissed BI's indemnification claim against Sanofi and confirmed that Sanofi shall not be liable to indemnify BI for any potential losses in relation to the ongoing Zantac litigation in the U.S. This decision is final and non-appealable.

Importantly, Sanofi remains confident that the defense of the underlying U.S. Zantac litigation is very strong. There is no reliable scientific evidence that Zantac causes the alleged injuries in the cases brought against GSK, Pfizer, BI, Sanofi, and others in the U.S. litigation. The FDA and the European Medicines Agency have both evaluated the available data and found no evidence that ranitidine, the active ingredient contained in Zantac, causes cancer.

This was notably confirmed in December 2022, when a U.S. federal court assigned to oversee all federal cases in the United States ("MDL") ruled that plaintiffs had no reliable scientific evidence that ranitidine can cause any of the plaintiffs' alleged injuries. The thorough ruling substantiated Sanofi's scientific defenses demonstrating that there is no reliable evidence of causation for even those cancer types that plaintiffs claimed had the strongest evidence. Sanofi believes that any appeal by plaintiffs of the MDL ruling has a low probability of success. Tens of thousands of claimants who were once a part of this MDL litigation chose to abandon their claims or else withdrew early from the MDL, either filing in state court or not re-filing at all. These recent events have significantly decreased the potential scope of the litigation.

# **Background**

Zantac was launched in the United States as a prescription medication by GSK in 1983 (GSK continued to market the Rx version until 2017). In 1995, GSK launched an OTC version of its Zantac 75mg formula. In 1997, generic ranitidine entered the market. In 1998, Pfizer acquired the OTC rights and in 2004 it launched a 150mg version of the product as well. In 2006, BI acquired the U.S. OTC rights for Zantac and in January 2017 Sanofi acquired those OTC rights.

On September 13, 2019, FDA issued a statement alerting the public that some ranitidine medicines, including over-the-counter Zantac, contained a nitrosamine impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) at low levels. NDMA is a known environmental contaminant found in drinking water, soil, and common foods, including meats, dairy products, and vegetables. People are routinely exposed to small amounts of NDMA every day.

In October 2019, out of an abundance of caution Sanofi issued a voluntary recall of all ranitidine Zantac OTC products in the U.S. and Canada.

Since that time, the medical, scientific, and regulatory communities have extensively evaluated the safety of Zantac's active ingredient ranitidine, and the data show there is no evidence of consumer harm from real-world use of Zantac. Over time, both FDA and the European Medicines

Agency have evaluated the available data and have also found no evidence that ranitidine causes cancer.

Regardless of the scientific evidence, within days of FDA's September 2019 announcement, purported class actions and personal injury lawsuits were filed in U.S. courts, alleging that Zantac caused various cancers. In addition to Sanofi, these lawsuits named GSK, Pfizer, BI, dozens of generic manufacturers, retailers and pharmaceutical distributors.

The arbitration dispute arose from contractual indemnification obligations agreed between Sanofi and BI as part of the January 2017 swap of Sanofi's Animal Health business for BI's Consumer Health Care business.

There is no evidence of consumer harm from real-world use of Zantac as a result of any NDMA contamination.

Sanofi stands by the safety of Zantac. Given the lack of scientific support for plaintiffs' claims, Sanofi remains fully confident in its defenses to the litigation. Sanofi acted responsibly at all times.

## About Sanofi

We are an innovative global healthcare company, driven by one purpose: we chase the miracles of science to improve people's lives. Our team, across some 100 countries, is dedicated to transforming the practice of medicine by working to turn the impossible into the possible. We provide potentially life-changing treatment options and life-saving vaccine protection to millions of people globally, while putting sustainability and social responsibility at the center of our ambitions.

Sanofi is listed on EURONEXT: SAN and NASDAQ: SNY

#### Media Relations

Sandrine Guendoul | + 33 6 25 09 14 25 | sandrine.guendoul@sanofi.com

**Evan Berland** | +1 215 432 0234 | evan.berland@sanofi.com **Nicolas Obrist** | + 33 6 77 21 27 55 | nicolas.obrist@sanofi.com **Victor Rouault** | + 33 6 70 93 71 40 | victor.rouault@sanofi.com

#### **Investor Relations**

**Eva Schaefer-Jansen** | + 33 7 86 80 56 39 | <u>eva.schaefer-jansen@sanofi.com</u>

Arnaud Delépine | + 33 6 73 69 36 93 | arnaud.delepine@sanofi.com

Corentine Driancourt | + 33 6 40 56 92 21 | corentine.driancourt@sanofi.com

Felix Lauscher | + 1 908 612 7239 | felix.lauscher@sanofi.com Tarik Elgoutni| + 1 617 710 3587 | tarik.elgoutni@sanofi.com Nathalie Pham | + 33 7 85 93 30 17 | nathalie.pham@sanofi.com

## Sanofi Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. These statements include projections and estimates regarding the marketing and other potential of the product, or regarding potential future revenues from the product. Forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "plans" and similar expressions. Although Sanofi's management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, investors are cautioned that forward-looking information and statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond the control of Sanofi, that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. These risks and uncertainties include among other things, unexpected regulatory actions or delays, or government regulation generally, that could affect the availability or commercial potential of the product, the fact that product may not be commercially successful, the uncertainties inherent in research and development, including future clinical data and analysis of existing clinical data relating to the product, including post marketing, unexpected safety, quality or manufacturing issues, competition in general, risks associated with intellectual property and any related future litigation and the ultimate outcome of such litigation, and volatile economic and market conditions, and the impact that pandemics or other global crises may have on us, our customers, suppliers, vendors, and other business partners, and the financial condition of any one of them, as well as on our employees and on the global economy as a whole. The risks and uncertainties also include the uncertainties discussed or identified in the public filings with the SEC and the AMF made by Sanofi, including those listed under "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in Sanofi's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022. Other than as required by applicable law, Sanofi does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information or statements.