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2D barcodes and pharmacy robots

Dear MAH

In the Danish pharmacies our automation robots do not all support the new 2D-bar-codes yet. The robots require an update and changes in the pharmacy it-systems to be able to handle 2D barcodes when loading and unloading the packages. The robots are therefore still dependent on the old bar codes for some months yet. The solution is under development and is expected to be implemented towards the summer holidays. We expect the robots to be able to handle 2D-barcodes around July 1 this year. We therefore encourage you to postpone the phasing out of the old barcodes until this date.

It must be emphasized that the pharmacy it-systems fully support verification in DMVS via the 2D barcodes - and that all pharmacies have been connected to DMVS and verified packages since February 9th, 2019. The challenge is thus only a technicality in relation to the interface between the robots and the it-systems handling the barcodes.

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Yours sincerely

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