

Six-Month Implementation Guideline

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This product, *USP 32–NF 27*, is current from May 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010, as described below.

The United States Pharmacopeia–National Formulary and its Supplements become official **six months** after being released to the public. The *USP–NF*, which is released on November 1 of each year, becomes official on May 1 of the following year.

This change was adopted to give users more time to bring their methods and procedures into compliance with new and revised *USP–NF* requirements.

The table below describes the new official dates. The 2008 *USP 31–NF 26*, and the Supplements and Interim Revision Announcements (IRAs) to that edition, will be official until May 1, 2009, at which time the *USP 32–NF 27* becomes official.

Publication	Release Date	Official Date	Official Until
<i>USP 32–NF 27</i>	Nov. 1, 2008	May 1, 2009	May 1, 2010 (except as superseded by Supplements, IRAs, and Revision Bulletins)
First Supplement	Feb. 1, 2009	Aug. 1, 2009	May 1, 2010 (except as superseded by Second Supplement, IRAs, and Revision Bulletins)
Second Supplement	June 1, 2009	Dec. 1, 2009	May 1, 2010 (except as superseded by IRAs and Revision Bulletins)
<i>USP 33–NF 28</i>	Nov. 1, 2009	May 1, 2010	May 1, 2011 (except as superseded by Supplements, IRAs, and Revision Bulletins)

IRAs will continue to become official on the first day of the second month of the Pharmacopeial Forum (PF) issue in which they are published as final. For instance, IRAs published as final in the May–June PF (issue 3) will become official on June 1. This table gives the details of the IRAs that will apply to *USP 31–NF 26* and *USP 32–NF 27*.

IRA*	Release Date	Official Date	Revises
Jan. 1, 2009 IRA, PF 35(1)	Jan. 1, 2009	Feb. 1, 2009	<i>USP 31–NF 26</i> and its Supplements
Mar. 1, 2009 IRA, PF 35(2)	Mar. 1, 2009	April 1, 2009	<i>USP 31–NF 26</i> and its Supplements
May 1, 2009 IRA, PF 35(3)	May 1, 2009	June 1, 2009	<i>USP 32–NF 27</i>
1 July 2009 IRA, PF 35(4)	1 July 2009	Aug. 1, 2009	<i>USP 32–NF 27</i> and First Supplement

Sept. 1, 2009 IRA, PF 35(5) Sept. 1, 2009 Oct. 1, 2009 *USP 32-NF 27* and First Supplement

Nov. 1, 2009 IRA, PF 35(6) Nov. 1, 2009 Dec. 1, 2009 *USP 32-NF 27* and its Supplements

Jan. 1, 2010 IRA, PF 36(1) Jan. 1, 2010 Feb. 1, 2010 *USP 32-NF 27* and its Supplements

Mar. 1, 2010 IRA, PF 36(2) Mar. 1, 2010 April 1, 2010 *USP 32-NF 27* and its Supplements

*NOTE—Beginning January 1, 2007, USP will cease identifying IRAs numerically (First, Second, etc.) and instead will designate them by the date on which they are published.

Revision Bulletins published on the USP website will continue to become official immediately upon publication, unless the Revision Bulletin specifies otherwise.

Revisions that contain a specific official date shall continue to become official upon such specified date, which supersedes the general official date for the publication.

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