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## **Merck's LC production in Japan (Atsugi) back to regular operations**

Merck extends its heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to the people of Japan.

Merck has established an emergency taskforce and is continually assessing the situation.

In view of the general infrastructure problems in Japan and the uncertain situation, Merck is experiencing some disruptions in its supply chain. However, LC deliveries from its production site in Atsugi have recovered, and LC production is close to regular levels, despite rolling power cuts.

Furthermore, Merck has drawn up a contingency plan that would enable the company to continue to supply liquid crystal mixtures from the other two production facilities in the region, namely in Korea and Taiwan and partially from Merck's plant in Germany, if the need should arise.

Merck will keep customers informed on all further developments as and when they occur.

Our thoughts go out to all the people in the regions impacted by this tragedy. We sincerely hope for a quick recovery for the people and communities affected.

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