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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, dated Thursday, October 5, 2023, where you asked for "... a summary of the number reports of counterfeit/falsified semaglutide (brand names Wegovy, Ozempic and Rybelsus) sent to the MHRA between January 1 2022 and the date when the document/s are sent to me."

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I am pleased to provide you with the information requested, please see below.

Between 1st January 2022 and 12th October 2023, we have received reports of 13 reports of suspected or confirmed falsified semaglutide under one or more of the brand names Wegovy, Ozempic and Rybelsus.

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Yours sincerely,

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