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## US federal appeals court temporarily stops Teva from selling its generic version of the Novartis medicine Famvir®

- *US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issues order prohibiting Teva from selling its generic version*
- *Novartis holds valid US patents until 2015 for Famvir®, an antiviral medicine*

Basel, September 10, 2007 – A US federal appeals court has approved a request by Novartis and temporarily prohibited Teva Pharmaceuticals from selling its generic version of the antiviral medicine Famvir®, which has various US patents valid until 2015.

The order issued on September 7 by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which has nationwide jurisdiction in various subject areas that include patents, requires Teva to submit a response to the court by Tuesday, September 11.

The injunction remains in effect until a decision by this court. Teva launched its generic version “at risk” since patent litigation is still ongoing, and risks potentially significant damages if Novartis prevails. A trial date has not been set.

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