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## BIOMARINE LEGACY BIOPAK PRODUCT SUPPORT EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2015

The following Biomarine BioPak approvals have been voluntarily **RESCINDED** by Biomarine. This means that Biomarine is no longer permitted to manufacture new products of the associated BioPaks and that any of the specified BioPaks still remaining in the field are no longer NIOSH approved; and, **are not approved for use in any OSHA-governed workplace**. To Biomarine’s knowledge, none of the below listed respirators are currently being utilized in the field.

The **RESCINDED** approvals include:

<u>Approval Number</u>	<u>BioPak Model</u>
TC-13F-0027	BioPak 45-100, BioPak 45-600
TC-13F-0084	BioPak 30
TC-13F-0085	BioPak 60 (negative pressure)
TC-13F-0185	BioPak 240 (negative pressure)
TC-13F-0242	BioPak 240P/A
TC-13F-0372	BioPak 60TE-Japanese

The following Biomarine BioPak approvals have been **OBSOLETE**D. This means that the Biomarine can no longer manufacture new respirator units **but any respirator currently in the field is still acceptable for use in OSHA-governed workplaces**. Biomarine will continue to support the fielded units with replacement spare components as long as the current inventory hold outs and/or as long as it is economically feasible for the customers to continue support. Dwindling fielded units is rapidly reducing the quantity of components and thus resulting in increased costs.

The **OBSOLETE**D approvals include:

<u>Approval Number</u>	<u>BioPak Model</u>
TC-13F-0206	BioPak 240P, BioPak 240LW
TC-13F-029	BioPak 60P
TC-13F-0466	BioPak 240S
TC-13F-0371	BioPak 60-TE

The following Biomarine BioPak approvals will remain **ACTIVE** and unchanged. Biomarine will continue to manufacture new respirators of the specific type and will continue field support for an unspecified period not less than 20-years.

The **ACTIVE** approvals include:

<u>Approval Number</u>	<u>BioPak Model</u>
TC-13F-0541	BioPak 240R (Equipped with AV3000 Mask)
TC-13F-0684	BioPak 240R (Equipped with AV3500 Mask)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING BIOMARINE NIOSH APPROVAL UPDATES

### How does a customer determine which approval applies to their BioPak?

All NIOSH approved BioPaks will contain a NIOSH certification label that will indicate the approval number of the BioPak. The NIOSH certification label is usually located on the back of the lower housing.

### What should a customer do if their BioPak is on the **Rescinded** approval list?

Any BioPak discovered in the field that contains a NIOSH approval that is contained in the **Rescinded** listing of this document should be immediately retired and taken out of service. There is no recourse other than retirement in the eyes of NIOSH, OSHA and Biomarine. If the BioPak in question is currently being utilized it will need to be replaced with another respirator suitable for the application at hand. If the customer requires assistance in determining a replacement BioPak contact Biomarine at our website [www.BioPak240R.com](http://www.BioPak240R.com) or by calling the factory direct at (610) 524-8800.

### What should a customer do if their BioPak is on the **Obsoleted** approval list?

The BioPak in question can still be utilized but may be subject to rising costs in terms of field support as Biomarine inventories are depleted. Some components are already in short or non-existent supply with many more to follow. The customer should immediately begin to formulate a plan for the BioPak replacement. It is **estimated**, that component supplies will only be available for these listed BioPaks in the next five (5) years.

### What should a customer do if their BioPak is on the **Active** approval list?

Nothing needs to be done with the exception of normal maintenance and inspection as specified by the User and Benchman manuals. Biomarine will continue to maintain the approval and field support of these listed BioPaks for a minimum of the next twenty (20) years.

### How can customers contact with questions concerning the approval status?

Customers are free to contact Biomarine directly either through the [www.BioPak240R.com](http://www.BioPak240R.com) website or by calling the factory direct at (610) 524-8800.