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### **PERRIGO COMPANY RECEIVES FDA APPROVAL TO MARKET NICOTINE GUM AND IBUPROFEN ORAL SUSPENSION**

ALLEGAN, Mich. – Oct. 5, 2004 – The Perrigo Company (Nasdaq: PRGO) today announced that it has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market over-the-counter (OTC) nicotine polacrilex gum and prescription ibuprofen oral suspension. Both approvals were granted through the Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) process regulated by the FDA.

The FDA determined that Perrigo's nicotine polacrilex gum USP, 2 mg and 4 mg dosage, in regular, orange and mint flavors, to be bioequivalent to GlaxoSmithKline's Nicorette® gum, indicated as an aid to smoking cessation. Perrigo's nicotine gum will begin shipping in the first half of calendar 2005 and is expected to be one of three store brand competitors in the market.

The FDA also determined that Perrigo's ibuprofen oral suspension USP, 100 mg/5mL to be bioequivalent to McNeil's Motrin® Oral Suspension, indicated for pain relief and fever reduction. The ibuprofen suspension product represents the first generic prescription drug approval for Perrigo. It will begin shipping in the first half of calendar 2005 and will be the second ANDA approval for this drug.

Perrigo Company is the nation's largest manufacturer of over-the-counter (non-prescription) pharmaceutical and nutritional products sold by supermarket, drug, and mass merchandise chains under their own labels. The Company's products include over-the-counter pharmaceuticals such as analgesics, cough and cold remedies, gastrointestinal, and feminine hygiene products, and nutritional products, such as vitamins, nutritional supplements and nutritional drinks. Visit Perrigo on the Internet (<http://www.perrigo.com>).

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