The Commission does not have information on how many vaccines were destroyed in the EU. Member States have no obligation to report to the Commission the state of their stocks, nor to submit data about expired doses.

In this context, it is important to stress that vaccination is a Member State competence. Member States plan the national vaccination process, taking into account the expiration date of the vaccines.

The Commission and Member States are working closely with manufacturers to find solutions to better align supply and demand, and to minimise the risk of unused vaccines. On 13 May 2022, the Commission reached an agreement\(^1\) with BioNTech-Pfizer to better address Member States’ needs. Pursuant to that agreement the originally agreed delivery schedule has been adapted. Doses scheduled for June and throughout the summer will now be delivered in September and during the autumn and winter period 2022. A similar agreement\(^2\) was secured with Moderna on 2 June 2022 – some doses initially planned for quarter two in 2022 will be postponed to later in the year.

These agreements ensure that Member States have access to the vaccines when they need them – including future variant adapted vaccines if authorised, so that they can respond to epidemiological developments later this year. Negotiations are ongoing on other such agreements and the Commission may conclude similar agreements with other manufacturers.

Discussions on future purchase models are ongoing between the Commission, Member States and the manufacturers.

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