

Alfasigma: production plant in Alanno (Pescara)

Today Alfasigma has three production sites in central-southern Italy: Alanno in Abruzzo, Pomezia and Sermoneta in Lazio. Sermoneta is a chemical plant, while the facilities at Alanno and Pomezia produce prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

The Alanno plant, near Pescara, employs over 300 people dedicated to production and related services, a third of whom hold university degrees and over half of whom are women.

History — The Alanno plant was founded in 1987 and is a hub of excellence in the area.



Dimensions — To rationalise the space and maximise efficiency by streamlining the workflows, the facility is divided into 11 departments housed in 7 buildings.

- 128,500 m² total surface;
- 8,900 m² covered area for production and laboratories (43%);
- 7,600 m² logistics centre (37%);
- 4,000 m² for services and utilities (20%).

Production capacity — The site production capacity is:

- 73 million packs and raw materials exported worldwide;
- 248,000,000 liquid injectables produced each year;
- 37,300,000 sterile powders produced each year;
- 9 million packs of non-sterile products (lacquers, oral suspensions, creams) manufactured each year;
- 40% of the production is for export, including EU, Japan and USA

Products and pharmaceutical forms — The Alanno plant processes rifaximin, a molecule for the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders, which holds the record for US sales of an Italian-owned drug (over 1.5 billion euros; source: IQVIA). The other drug that has been exported with great success in recent years (double-digit growth in 2019; source: IQVIA) is sulodexide, indicated for chronic venous ulcers and vascular diseases with the risk of thrombosis.

The products manufactured include Normix, Neoborocillin, Neoton and Vessel.

News and future developments — This high-tech pharmaceutical plant saw further expansion between 2018 and 2019, with the addition of two new sterile departments, one to increase the production of pre-filled syringes and vials by more than 150 million units per year, the other specifically designed for the production of sterile powders, with high-performance bottle filling equipment. The investment for this upgrading was 20 million euros.

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