



# Reform des Zulassungssystems von Arzneimitteln in der EU - Position der EU Kommission

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Under Review/Discussion

→ Amendment Regulation 2309/93/EC

→ Amendment Directive 2001/83/EC

(→ Amendment Directive 2001/82/EC)



## The main goals

- To guarantee a high level of public health
- To complete the single market
- To increase transparency
- To favour competitiveness of the industry
- To prepare EU enlargement



## Objectives of the Amendments

- To define principles of protection of subjects
- To define procedures and time frames



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**Regulation 2309/93/EC**

## Article 3 and Annex 1 (Scope)

→ 'all new active substance'  
or

→ 'entirley new active substance' (Recital 8)

 still under discussion



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## Small and medium size companies

Recital 8, 20 : Provision ... for small and medium size companies

Management Board      provide help

Fee reduction



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<http://pharmacos.eudra.org/F2/pharmacos/docs.htm#news>

- **Study on innovation in the pharmaceutical area**

In 2002 the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products, which is in charge of this centralised procedure, noted that there was a significant drop in the number of applications for marketing authorisations concerning new chemical entities.

- In order to identify what lies at the root of this phenomenon, to measure its actual size and to propose measures to halt it, the Commission has decided to launch a study to answer the following questions:
  - - Is there a worldwide crisis in innovation in the pharmaceutical sector?
  - - What are the reasons behind this crisis?
  - - What tools do we have available to kick-start innovation?
- The call for tender was published on the 3rd of May 2003 in the OJEU 2003/S 86-076424; electronic copies can be found [here](#); paper copies can be requested at the following address : [patrick.accart@cec.eu.int](mailto:patrick.accart@cec.eu.int). The deadline for submission is 03/06/2003



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**Directive 2001 / 83 / EC**

## Generic medicinal products

- Data Exclusivity
- Reference medicinal product in the EU
- Bolar provision
- Usage patents
- legal status ... taken seriously into account in MRP





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## Generic medicinal products

- ...same qualitative and quantitative composition in active principles and same pharmaceutical form....different salts, esters, isomers, mixtures of isomers, complexes or derivatives of an active substance are considered as the same active substance, unless they differ significantly
- Where a biological medicinal product which is similar to a reference biological product does not meet certain conditions in the definition of generic medicinal products, results...



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## Marketing Authorisation

→ New procedures – new time lines

→ Availability of information on the medicinal product



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## Authorisation Procedure

- Acceleration by shortening deadlines
- Implement fast track procedures for products of major interest
- Implement conditional authorisation (to be re-evaluated on a yearly basis)
- Maintain authorisation under exceptional circumstances
- EC to adopt recommendations to be applied by MS´ s regarding compassionate use



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## Authorisation Procedure

- Mutual Recognition Procedure
- Decentralised Procedure → Harmonisation pre-authorisation



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### Accelerated and simplified decision making process

- MS´ s will only have 15 days to react to EC proposal
- EC procedure streamlined (reference to articles 3 and 5 of decision 1999/468/EC instead of regulatory procedure)
- EC shall prepare a draft decision within 30 days of receipt of the opinion



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## Maintenance

### Renewal

→ one renewal after 5 years

### Sunset clauses

→ Placing the medicinal product on the market within 3 years

→ When an authorised medicinal product previously placed on the market is no longer actually present on the market for 3 consecutive years, the authorisation shall cease to be valid.



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## Maintenance

### Pharmacovigilance

- PSUR every 6 months .. Following the initial placing on the market (in the Community)
- Agency may request that specific pharmacovigilance data be collected

The holder of a marketing authorisation shall not be authorised to communicate information concerning pharmacovigilance issue to the general public without the consent of the Agency



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## **Referrals**

- Try to avoid arbitration (“best endeavours“)  
→ Coordination Group (60 days)
- Once referred, allow marketing in positive MS´ s
- Reduce time from 90 to 60 days
- Shorten decision making process
- Summary of Product Characteristics – Harmonisation





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## Serious Potential Risk to Public Health

Definition requested in review 2001/83/EC

Article 29 (1a)

Guidelines to be adopted by the Commission shall define a serious potential risk to public health



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Committees  
and  
members in committees



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**EMEA**

Management Board, Advisory Board

CHMP\*, CVMP\*, COMP, Herbal

- working parties, expert groups, panels
- \*may establish scientific advisory groups

**Member States**

Co-ordination Group



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Management Board

15 Members appointed by the  
Council

(2 Members from industrial  
associations,  
1 from patients' organisations,  
1 from doctors' organisation,  
1 shall represent social security  
schemes)

Advisory Board

1 Member per Member State

CHMP/CVMP/Herbals

1 Member per Member State  
appointed by Executive Director  
(5 additional members)



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## Coordination Group

1 Member per Member State

MS´ s to forward a list of products for harmonisation (SPC) to coordination group each year



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The Commission **or** a Member State, in agreement with the Agency and taking into account **the view of of the interested parties**, may refer these products in accordance with paragraph 1.

Selection Member State



Selection Coordination Group



Selection Commission/Member State/Agency

,interested parties'



C(P)MP



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## Where we are?

→ On-going discussion in EU Council

→ EU Parliament - second reading (?)



## Time constriction?

Finalising the review process before  
enlargement May 2004

OR

Re-opening the discussion with all 25  
Member States after enlargement



