Why is it important & Benefits

Vision

Main tools

Projects
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1. Why is it important?

Global Benchmarking Survey report 2015

- significant regulatory differences between countries or regions,

e.g.

- maturity of the regulatory framework,
- different types of application procedures,
- change management,
- post-authorisation safety surveillance,
- transparency of the Authorities and
- resources available
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What is it?

• Not just using international guidelines (VICH) and standards
• Convergence of all aspects of regulatory systems
  • Legislative framework,
  • Authorisations
  • Variations,
  • Testing
  • Pharmacovigilance,
  • etcetera…
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What is the ultimate goal?
• Long term goal?
  • A single global regulatory system
    • single set of studies,
    • single dossier format,
    • common approval outcome
    • common management following authorisation
• Realistic approach required
  • step-by-step,
  • regional and/or country by country
• Challenges are plenty
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Challenges:

- **Authorities**
  - Tendency to ramp up requirements
  - Cherry pick requirements from e.g. USA, Japan or EU
    - but not always compatible
  - Risk of re-inventing the wheel
  - “Mature” Authorities reluctance to change

- **Industry continues to consolidate: mergers and acquisitions**
  - Increasing pressure on R&D funding
  - Increasing global approach
  - Increasing threshold of market entry
Consequences of lack of convergence

• Adds costs
  ➢ Adds costs:
    ➢ Repetition of studies
    ➢ Slows market entry

• Soaks up regulatory resources
  ➢ From authorities and companies
  ➢ Causes
    ➢ Delayed access to medicines
    ➢ Less animal welfare
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Benefits of regulatory convergence

• Bring efficiencies and avoid wastage
  • Less duplication and repetition
• Allow more new product developments
  • Less resources per project
• Allow more new registrations
  • Same dossier valid in more markets
  • Avoid focus just on major markets
    o Countries
    o Species and indications
• Avoid well-established products removed from markets
  • Less “specific” or “special” requirements for specific markets
Vision for Regulation of Veterinary Medicines across the World

**Vision for 2025:** Efficient regulatory systems that result in harmonized, science-based decisions in predictable timeframes, resulting in the wide availability of safe and effective veterinary medicines.

**Background – Current Situation**

The [2015 Global Benchmarking Report](#) provides a good basis for considering the future needs for the regulatory system for veterinary medicines; this includes, but is not limited to the countries and regions covered by the benchmarking report.

The report reveals significant differences between countries or regions, for example in terms of maturity of the regulatory framework, the different types of application procedures available, the different ways in
Industry Global Vision for Regulation 2025

The 10 point plan:

1. Science based decisions
   ▪ no differentiation for local/global companies

2. Predictable transparent timeframes for registration
   ▪ max 24 months new products,
   ▪ max 12 months for significant changes,
   ▪ accelerated pathways for needed products

3. Efficient Regulation – reduced administrative burden

4. More co-operation/recognition of assessments of other country Authorities

5. Innovation – fair returns on investment
Industry Global Vision for Regulation 2025

The 10 point plan cont.:  

6. Enabling for highly innovative products  
7. Global developments support all registrations  
8. Manufacture possible anywhere in world to same set of standards  
9. Companies able to operate a single pharmacovigilance system  
10. Rules on use of medicines require veterinary registered products to be considered first
1. A Project Team – RST + several task forces

2. Problem definition - mapping
   - HealthforAnimals Global Benchmarking Study
     - 7 regions, repeated every 4 years
   - World Bank Survey - report January 2017
     - Enabling the Business of Agriculture / Livestock
     - mapping regulatory systems in 62 countries
   - Regulatory intelligence network, reports from the field

3. Global Regulatory Vision (with 10 Point Plan)
Partnerships

- Team up with other credible reputable organisations
- Non-profit, NGOs or governments
  - OIE
  - World Bank
  - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
  - GALVmed
  - Regulatory agencies
    - European Medicines Agency and national EU agencies
    - US FDA
    - JMAFF
In partnership with other organisations

• Harmonisation of technical standards – VICH and CODEX
  
• Global Animal Health Conferences
  - Dar es Salaam 2015
  - New Delhi 2016

• Workshops on
  - VICH workshop, Dar es Salaam 2015
  - Regulatory Best Practice, New Delhi, 2016
  - Regulatory Best Practice, Nairobi, 2017

Authorities are strongly encouraged to participate in such conferences and to join VICH Outreach.
Global Animal Health Conferences & Workshops

Regulatory Convergence
24-25 June 2015
Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Improved Market Access for Authorised Veterinary Medicines - The Asian Perspective
17 November 2016
New Delhi, India

Good Regulatory Practice for the Marketing Authorisation of Veterinary Products in an Asian Context
14-16 November 2016
New Delhi, India
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4. Projects: **vetmed.world**

  - Bringing together all kinds of (global) regulatory resources
    - Training
    - Guidelines
    - Templates and examples
    - Good Practices
  - Intended to be an easy accessible reference / library
  - For consultation by authorities and companies
  - You can always propose a “missing link”!
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4. Projects: vetmed.world
Case studies

Discover our case studies using the topics or the interactive map below.

Per topic

Select one topic below and view the related stories:

- Good regulatory practice initiatives
- Pre-submission dialogue and activities
- Labelling
- Better regulation
- Regulatory science
- Shared evaluations and common procedures
- Post-authorisation activities
- Reducing administrative burden
- Improving access to products and innovation
- Dialogue with stakeholders
- Operational transparency
- International alignment

Download all examples
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vetmed.world-good practices
Training course on dossier assessment for veterinary vaccine applications
This training course on dossier assessment for veterinary vaccine applications was organised in the EAC in 2017. The course comprises of 10 presentations, a template for dossier assessment and the EAC application form:

Read more

Guidelines on Variations to a registered pharmaceutical product in Uganda
This Guideline is intended to provide guidance to applicants on the conditions to be fulfilled and the type of documentation to be submitted before a variation can be approved by National Drug Authority of Uganda.

Read more

EudraLex –Volume 5- Pharmaceutical legislation for medicinal products for veterinary use
EudraLex contains the EU legislation for medicinal products for human and veterinary use. It also contains a number of guidelines covering all topics associated with good practice in regulating medicines for human and veterinary use.

Read more

CVM guidance for Industry
The FDA's Centre for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) develops and issues guidelines for applicants from the pharmaceutical industry.

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USDA Biologics Regulations and Guidance
Immunologicals, USA guidelines
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- Background to harmonised registration in EAC
- Template for Dossier Assessment presentation
- Template for Dossier Assessment document
- Application Form - presentation
- EAC APPLICATION FORM - document
- Structure of a Registration Dossier
- Summary of Product Characteristics
- Labelling and Package Leaflet
- QUALITY
- SAFETY
- EFFICACY
- Introduction to EAC MRP
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4. Projects: vetmed.world-templates

Templates & examples

On this page you will find some examples or templates of documents, forms and other useful items. If you are looking for examples or templates of one specific topic, please use the dropdown menu.

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Topics

EU Product Information Templates: Summary of Product Characteristics and Labelling

In the EU, Templates for SPCs and Labelling are available as PDFs and Worddocs for applicants to complete.

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EU Electronic Application Forms

Forms are available for electronic submissions.

Read more

EU Validation checklist for Initial Marketing Authorisation Application – Immunologicals (applicable to submissions under Art. 12(3) of Directive 2001/82)

This document is the validation check list used by the European Medicines Agency for immunological products.

Read more

EAC Templates for Draft Summary of Product Characteristics and Packaging for Immunological Veterinary Products

For countries in the East African Community, the regulatory authorities have adopted harmonised requirements for registering veterinary immunologicals. The headings to be followed for the different sections of the summary of product characteristics (SPC) and product

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EAC Harmonised Application Form for the Registration of Immunological Veterinary Products

This harmonized application form is for use in National or Mutual Recognition procedures in the East African Community for the registration of veterinary immunological products

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• Benchmarking Survey

• Good Regulatory Practices resource at www.vetmed.world.com

• Data protection / data exclusivity communication toolkit
  • Ensure the confidentiality of submitted data: Best Practice Guide (for Authorities) on data confidentiality and data security

• The Essentials of Pharmacovigilance brochure

• Harmonised dossier content - regional templates

• Industry harmonised approach to labelling
  • 2-D data matrix
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Where do you want to be in the benchmark?
What can we pick up from other agencies?
Essential for all innovation and therefore for all companies, innovator and/or generic
Will you introduce PV?
Do you want to enhance the basic requirements?
Adhering to templates facilitates recognition...
Using a global solution for appropriate tracking...
Regulatory Convergence Summary

- Problem Definition
- A vision and a 10 point action plan
- How are we contributing further…
  - Helping to map the current global regulatory situation
  - Partnerships and VICH
    - Harmonizing guidelines
    - Conferences, workshops, …
  - Toolkits
    - Data protection and data exclusivity
    - Pharmacovigilance
    - Harmonised dossier content
    - Harmonised identification via 2D Data Matrix
  - VetMed.world website
    - Collecting global regulatory resources
    - Including examples of “Good Regulatory Practice”
End

Thank you