

Meeting of Heads of Member States' Regulatory Authorities, 28 October 1996

MUTUAL RECOGNITION - STATEMENT BY HEADS OF AGENCIES

At their sixth meeting, in Brussels on 22nd October 1996, the Heads of Member States' Competent Regulatory Authorities met to discuss a number of items including the working of the Mutual Recognition procedure. They had before them the Best Practice Guide which had been developed by the Mutual Recognition Facilitation Group of the Member States. The meeting warmly endorsed the principles set out in that document. In particular the Heads of Agencies emphasised the importance of Mutual Recognition as a key part of the European Regulatory system.

The Heads of Agencies gave their personal commitment to the success of the procedure and in particular undertook that arbitration should only be called when there were serious risks to public health. The Heads of Agencies looked forward to the further development of the procedure at the core of the new system, acknowledging that its success is crucial to the success of the new system overall.

[The MRFG Best Practice Guide is attached](#)

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