

MANDATE

WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE DECENTRALISED AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION PROCEDURES

Background:

The most recent IFAH-Europe survey on benchmarking the competitiveness of the global animal health industry for 2011 reported that although the decentralised procedure was an improvement on mutual recognition; there were still some significant issues with both procedures. Furthermore, the consultant's report prepared in response to the Commissions consultation exercise, during which preliminary data were sought to help inform the development of legislative proposals, concluded that 70% of respondents to the consultation exercise were dissatisfied with the authorisation procedures. More specifically, companies had issues with validation, the numbers of questions asked during the procedures and also with issuing the authorisation at the national phase.

It is understood that draft legislative proposals are scheduled for the end of 2013. Given possible delays due to EU Parliamentary elections and the negotiation process, implementation of any revisions to the authorisation procedures may be some years away. CMDv, however, wishes to act now, within the constraints of the current Directive, to introduce improvements to both the decentralised and mutual recognition procedures; to ensure that they continue to run smoothly and efficiently.

Mandate

The mandate of the CMDv DCP/MRP improvement working group is:

- To review the key stages of the decentralised procedure to see if improvements and efficiencies can be introduced; and,
- To review the key stages of the mutual recognition procedure to see if improvements and efficiencies can be introduced.
- To consider other issues with DCP and MRP that might be improved to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Constraints

- There is no scope to amend timeframes specified within Directive 2001/82/EC as amended by Directive 2004/28/EC;
- There is a need to maintain a level of consistency in approach with CMDh; and
- A key principle of DCP is the continued involvement of all parties during the initial phase of the procedure.