

MANDATE FOR LEGISLATION SUB-GROUP

BACKGROUND

The Veterinary Coordination Group (CMDv) has been established in accordance with Article 31.1 of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended. The tasks of the CMDv include the provision of guidance on the administrative aspects of procedures for Marketing Authorisations in the Mutual Recognition (MRP) and Decentralised Procedures (DCP). Furthermore, part of its remit is to provide regulatory advice to industry and to agree common interpretations and understanding on the practical implementation of legislation.

Each meeting a number of questions submitted by the industry and or by NCA is discussed so that common agreements can be reached to help facilitate the regulatory process.

Although the legislation is written following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, its practical application can nevertheless result in differences in interpretation and expectation. The reality is that the legislators are different from those who are required to work with the legislation on a day to day basis.

Although this sub-group has no relative importance above other consulted stakeholders its purpose is to provide a vehicle for the Commission to use to informally discuss the proposed amendments to Directive 2001/82/EC as amended by 2004/28/EC.

MANDATE

The mandate of the CMDv legislation Subgroup is:

1. To provide informal feedback to the Commission on the various drafts of the amended Directive.
2. To propose amendments / revisions to the draft text in order to aid clarity and practical application of the proposed legislation.
3. To identify to the Commission areas of potential confusion within the draft text.
4. To agree common understandings between Member States in relation to proposed revisions prior to implementation so as to minimise any differences in interpretation.
5. To work with the Commission on an informal basis on the development of any revised Directive as necessary and agreed between CMDv and the Commission.