



Press release

Joint HoA/HEVRA Meeting, 3 July 2002

During the Danish Presidency the 3rd joint meeting of Heads of European Human and Veterinary Regulatory Authorities took place 3 July 2002 in Hillerød, Denmark. Representatives of 13 Member States, the European Commission and EMEA attended the meeting. Observers from EEA (Norway and Liechtenstein), CADREAC and CAVDRI were also present.

The discussions and decisions of the joint HoA/HEVRA meeting focused on enhancing the smooth functioning of the European network for Regulatory Authorities for Medicinal Products.

Thus, one of the main issues was the transfer from JRC to BfArM of the running of the communication and tracking system for mutual recognition procedure on behalf of the regulatory authorities.

Furthermore, the discussion on governance focused on the planning of resources of the regulatory authorities, also at European level, that is essential for the smooth functioning of the authorisation of medicinal products. The Heads decided to approach EMEA in order to get assessments of public health benefit versus resource implications of guidelines prior to the development of the guidelines. This assessment should facilitate planning of human resources in the national regulatory authorities and improve transparency also for industry to estimate resource implications of guidelines.

Moreover, in the spirit of European networking in the area of medicinal products representatives of Council of Europe presented a report on "Role and Function of Official Medicines Control Laboratories (OMCLs)". The Heads were appreciative of the report.

Finally, the joint effort of training of assessors was discussed by the Heads yet again. The co-operation between Member States and EMEA also on this issue was considered of great significance.

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