

MEETING OF THE HEADS OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

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1. The Heads of Regulatory Authorities met today in London at the last meeting of the Group to take place under the UK Presidency. The theme of the meeting was cooperation and communication.
2. The Group discussed how to further promote better communication between all the interested parties of the single Community system and agreed to develop this theme over the course of its forthcoming meetings.
3. The UK announced the date of the Workshop for regulators on the "Visibility and Transparency" of the Mutual Recognition procedure which would take place on 7 and 8 September in London. Following on from this, the Heads of Agencies received a report on the operation of Mutual Recognition and were encouraged to hear that the system was continuing to develop well, with 15 new Mutual Recognition procedures finalised during the month of April and 21 new procedures concerning 39 products started in the same month. The Group was also pleased to note that the EudraTrack system was now working well.
4. Continuing the communication theme, the Group heard that the Heads of Agencies InterNet Web Site, launched at the last meeting of the Group in May, had proved to be very popular. The number of visits to the site would be monitored and the development of the site would continue to be a standing item for the Group.
5. The Group agreed proposals for the development of an index of products which had been through the Mutual Recognition system, with the intention that this should be made available on the Web Site, enhancing the role of the Site and increasing the accessibility of information about the system.
6. Finally, the Group looked forward to continuing its work under the forthcoming Austrian Presidency. The first meeting under the new Presidency was scheduled to take place on 24 July and, for the first time, would be held at the EMEA's offices in Canary Wharf - the Agency having agreed to provide the venue for the meeting. Dates of meetings were agreed for both the Austrian and German Presidencies in order that the business of the Group could be managed more effectively.

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Notes: The Austrian Presidency starts in July 1998 and the German Presidency in January 1999.
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