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**VETERINARY MUTUAL RECOGNITION  
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**QUESTIONS FROM INDUSTRY  
NATIONAL OR VMR PROCEDURE**

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**QUESTION – National or Veterinary Mutual Recognition Procedure**

Where a product has been subjected to the Mutual Recognition procedure in a number of Member States and the Applicant subsequently wishes to pursue “informed consent”, i.e. copy cat applications of the authorisation in both the Reference Member States and the Concerned Member State, is the Applicant duty bound to progress these “informed consent” applications by a mutual recognition procedure or can these be progressed on a national basis in each of the respective Member States?

**ANSWER**

If a reference product has been authorised by the veterinary mutual recognition procedure, an informed consent application referring to this reference product in more than one Member State must follow the veterinary mutual recognition procedure. Independent national authorisations are not possible.