

REPORT FOR RELEASE

Meeting of 18-19 May 2006

CMD(v) considers IFAH-Europe's packaging and labelling proposals. The need for co-operation with the veterinary Pharmacovigilance Working Party is agreed.

Packaging and labelling

Following a workshop in Prague, organised by the veterinary pharmaceutical industries' representative organisation IFAH-Europe, eight proposals from industry to enhance efficiency in packaging and labelling were discussed. The CMD(v) members expressed their commitment to look into improvements where possible. For certain matters the competence is with the Member States, and national provisions regarding for example the language(s) or the 'sticker' of medicines may differ. Therefore the IFAH-Europe proposals will be discussed further at the national agencies, before returning to the CMD(v) to reach a harmonised approach.

Pharmacovigilance

A new mandate for the Pharmacovigilance Working Party (PhVWP) was adopted by the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP) and endorsed by the veterinary Heads of Medicines Agencies. The new mandate allows the PhVWP to provide advice on pharmacovigilance issues to National Competent Authorities and effectively extends the scope of its work to include advice on veterinary medicines authorised through the national, mutual recognition and decentralised procedures. The CMD(v) will therefore open up new ways of co-operation with the PhVWP, including:

- requests for advice;
- exchange of pharmacovigilance information for veterinary medicines authorised through the national, mutual recognition and decentralised procedures.

Product discussion

Four applications were discussed at day 78 of the Mutual Recognition Procedure (MRP). One application was discussed for the second time in accordance with the 60 day referral procedure.

It was noted that following the April meeting all seven MRP applications were approved.

Adopted documents

The following documents have been adopted:

- A position paper on the geographical origin of biological ingredients (for publication).
- The list of CMD(v) members and their qualifications (for publication).
- A template for questions and answers (to be used for published documents).
- A template for position papers (to be used for published documents).

Information

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