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Meeting of the Heads of European Veterinary Regulatory Authorities, 10 April 2000

The 8th meeting of the Heads of European Veterinary Regulatory Authorities (HEVRA) took place in Lisbon, on the 10th April 2000. It was the first HEVRA meeting under the Portuguese Presidency and it counted with the presence of representatives of ten Member States of the European Union, the EMEA and an observer from Iceland.

The main issues in the agenda resulted from the activities of the Veterinary Mutual Recognition Facilitation Group (VMRFG), which were presented by its chairman. The participation of CADREAC observers in the meetings, the VMRFG-FEDESA survey on the veterinary mutual recognition procedure, the reasons for withdrawals and the number of questions raised during the procedure were some of the items discussed.

The EMEA representative gave an update of the European task force on the availability of medicines and the French representative informed on the actual status of the VMRIndex.

The discussion also focused on the review of the European System of Authorisation and Supervision of Medicinal Products and on the new management structure for the Pharmaceutical IT systems.

The next meeting of the Group will be held in Sintra, on the 15th June 2000, with a strong focus on the discussions about IT systems and the review of the European System of Authorisation and Supervision of Medicinal Products.

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