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REPORT OF THE VMRFG MEETING – FOR RELEASE

Meeting of 9-10 December 2004

AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
ASSESSMENT ISSUES	
Outcome of Veterinary Mutual Recognition Procedures	A total of three immunological and one pharmaceutical applications had reached day 78 at the November meeting. The Marketing Authorisations for three of these applications have been recognised by all of the individual CMS with no withdrawals. The Marketing Authorisation for one of these applications has been recognised by eleven CMS and withdrawn in six CMS.
Evaluation of Veterinary Mutual Recognition Procedures	The Mutual Recognition procedures for four pharmaceutical and two immunological products had reached Day 78 at this meeting.
ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES	
Questions from industry and / or MS	<p>During this meeting the following questions were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues under Review Legislation; • Clinical Studies performed in accordance with GLP standards; <p>The following questions were rediscussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products intended to kill flies by direct application (pour-on); • MRP when two national authorisations exist; • Queries regarding procedure which were discussed at the VMRFG meetings; • The authorisation of colorants as part of veterinary vaccines.
Coordination Group – Rules of Procedure	A new version of the document of Rules of procedure of the Future Coordination Group was discussed
New Decentralised Procedure	The VMRFG discussed the issue regarding the new Decentralised Procedure.

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The abbreviation for the future Coordination Group	The group agreed that the future abbreviation for the future Coordination would be VCMD (Veterinary Coordination Group on Mutual Recognition and Decentralised Procedure). This proposal would be sent to The Heads of Medicines Agencies (Veterinary Medicines) for approval.
The Article 13 of Directive 2004/28/EC	Questions from VMRFG to the Commission regarding the article 13 of Directive 2004/28/EC were discussed. The letter which was drafted on this subject was adopted and would be sent to the Commission for further reflection.
ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES	
Date of next Meeting	The next VMRFG meeting is scheduled to take place in London on 13-14 January 2005, starting at 13:00. The Netherlands will continue to chair the VMRFG meetings for the next six months (Dr. Inge Sandberg) during the Luxembourg presidency of the European Union.