Press release

HoA Meeting, 4 July 2002

Under the Danish Presidency the 30th meeting of Heads of Agencies took place 4 July 2002 in Hillerød, Denmark. Representatives of 13 Member States, the European Commission and EMEA attended the meeting. Observers from EEA (Norway and Liechtenstein) and CADREAC were also present.

HoA decided to set up a working group on establishing a European Risk Management Strategy, including EMEA in the membership. HoA emphasised the need for strengthening and co-ordination of pharmacovigilance at both the European and national levels.

Furthermore, HoA welcomed the recommendations of the joint CPMP/MRFG Working Group on harmonisation of SPCs of 6 prioritised products. HoA concurred that the appropriate authority to trigger the referrals would be the European Commission.

Finally, the issue of medicinal products which may have an impact on the driving ability of road users was discussed and the fourteen recommendations of the G10 were noted by HoA.

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