Workshop session 2
Legislation and Guidance

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Good Regulatory Practice for the Marketing Authorisation of Veterinary Products in an African Context

Organising Committee:
1. Legislation (Act/Ordinance/Notice)

Structure, development and revision;
Difference between regulations and guidelines (GLs)
All medicinal products (for human and veterinary use) are regulated under the single Pharmaceutical Act in many countries.

The Act and the subsequent Cabinet Ordinance provide higher rules applicable for both human and veterinary medicinal products, and delegate to human health or veterinary government sector for detailed regulatory rules (Ministerial Ordinance/Announcement).

Each sector communicates with respective stakeholders on the operational or technical aspects, employing “Notice/Memorandum/Guidance” which are legally non-binding (soft law).

[Definition]
Legally-binding : things or matter that is restricted by law in the respective country
- Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
Issues to be discussed in this part

- Ideally, Agricultural/Veterinary government sector should regulate VMPs, situation of animal disease and animal husbandry.
- However, in many countries, human medicine sector also regulates VMPs.
- What is your current situation?
- Do you know the different actors involved in elaboration of regulation of VMPs in your country?

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2. International standards (OIE, Codex, PIC/S)

Codes and guidelines;

What is their relation with regional or national regulation?

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The “ONE HEALTH” concept ensures political support in coordinated prevention of high public health and animal impact diseases at the human-animal interface.

- The VMPs policy is part of the animal health policy:
  - Vet Drugs shall be sure, secure and efficient
    - To protect Animal health
    - To protect Human Health (residue, zoonosis, AMR)
    - For Environmental safety
The solution

- A holistic and coordinated management across the animal, food and human sectors
- Improved intersectoral collaboration where regulations of medicines are managed by different entities

What do we need?

- International standards (to harmonise protocols and methodologies)
- Legislation on access to quality drugs and restricted use
- Good governance of all sectors related to authorisation and use of VMPs

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Major International Standards for VMPs

OIE

- OIE develops different standards for a **good governance** of VMPs:
  - Specific part of terrestrial code concerning VMPs legislation,
  - Standards for Antimicrobial resistance
  - Standards for manufacturing and quality control
- **OIE specific program**: OIE PVS pathway for capacity building

**⇒ OIE standards**

CODEX

- CODEX international **food safety standards**, guidelines and related texts such as;
  - Maximum residue limits (MRLs) of veterinary drugs
  - Codes of practice to protect consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade

**⇒ Codex food standards**

Both **OIE standards** and **Codex food standards** are recognized by WTO as **references for international trade**

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Issues to be discussed in this part

- Are international standards included in your national regulation?

- How do you implement international standards?

- Do you participate in elaboration of international standards?

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3. Guidelines (VICH, OECD, Local)

What can they provide?

Where can they be found?
Guidelines contribute to faster development and approval of new VMPs

Issues on development
- Difficult to assess the efficacy due to new mechanism of action
- Quality /stability evaluation methodology unknown due to new physicochemical characteristics

GLs
- Show assessment index for efficacy
- Show method for establishing specification / stability

For Applicant: Encourage new research & development by reducing time, costs & animal testings
For Regulators: Shorten reviewing period

Ensure product quality, safety and efficacy
Increase options for veterinary services
Improve animal/public health and food safety
Technical and/or administrative guidelines (GLs) will be used, when:

- Applicant develops a new product and prepares application dossier,
- Regulatory authority (RA) reviews the dossier,
- Advisory board is sought for opinion from the RA and
- RA finally make decision on the marketing approval.
VICH guidelines

- Regulatory Authority and Industry work together as an equal partner
  - A mutual agreement between regulatory authorities and industry
- Published as Notices
  - Legally non-binding (recommendation)
  - Maximum study design (require not any more)
- Lead both applicant and reviewer to the goal
  - Faster approval
  - Benefit also to veterinarians & consumers

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Issues to be discussed in this part

- Do you have legally non-binding guidance system in your country?
- Do you have industry organization which could work with Regulators as an equal partner?
- Are you using internationally harmonized guideline, such as VICH-GLs, in your country?
- Are you familiar with VICH Outreach Forum initiative?

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4. Preparing guidelines

Flexibility versus transparency;
Development and public consultation;
Access to scientific/legislative advice;
How is animal welfare protected (3Rs)?

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3Rs
- Reduction
- Refinement
- Replacement
GLs should be on Consensus

- GLs should follow the current science
- Mutual acceptance of data
  - prevents unnecessary repetition of animal testing
- Needs occasional update (flexibility)

- GLs are legally non-binding (soft law)
- A recommendation from the Regulator

- Needs support by All STAKEHOLDERS
**VICH guideline creation process**

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<td>9: SC monitors, maintains and reviews the GL</td>
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*SC: Steering Committee  
EWG: Expert Working Group*
How to keep **TRANSPARENCY** in the GL development process in Japan

**When drafting GLs**, an expert from government side receive scientific and legislative comments from the advisory boards through VMP section in the government. Also, an Industry expert collect the comments from the member companies.

Then, the draft GL will be published for **public consultation** on government website. The EWG revises the draft guidelines based on comments from consumer, citizen, animal welfare org, veterinarians, etc. before implementation.
Issues to be discussed in this part

- Do you have scientific/legislative advisory board?

- Are you keeping good relationship with industry organization?

- Do you have a sound public consultation system that is open for all the people in your country?

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International guidelines
• VICH GLs: http://www.vichsec.org
• OECD GLs: http://www.oecd.org/env/ehs/testing/oecdguidelinesforthetestingofchemicals.htm

Local GLs and related legislation (EU)


• European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM). http://www.edqm.eu/en/
Local GLs related legislation (Japan)

- Standards for Veterinary Biological Products, Notification of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Notification No.1567; October 3, 2002).
- “Pharmaceutical Affairs Law*” and “Ministerial Ordinances for Veterinary Medicinal Products”.
*English translation is available from: Yakuji Nippo, Ltd. http://www.yakuji.co.jp/english_publications#others

Local GLs related legislation (USA)

- Guidelines: http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/GuidanceComplianceEnforcement/GuidanceforIndustry/default.htm
- 9 C.F.R. PART 102—LICENSES FOR BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS http://law.justia.com/cfr/title09/9-1.0.1.5.41.html
Where to find local guidelines and related legislation

Australia
• Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992
• Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994
• Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations 1995

Canada
• Food and Drugs Act and Regulations
• Health of Animals Act and Regulations

New Zealand
• Registration
Links to web pages of regulatory authorities of VICH member countries and regions

EU
• European Commission, Directorate General Health and Consumers (SANCO)
  http://ec.europa.eu/health/index_en.htm
• European Medicines Agency, Veterinary Medicines
• Regulatory authorities for veterinary medicines in member States of the EU:
  http://www.hma.eu/

Japan
• Animal Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
• National Veterinary Assay Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
  http://www.maff.go.jp/nval/english/

USA
• Center for Veterinary Medicine/Food and Drug Administration
  http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/
• Center for Veterinary Biologics
Australia
• Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
  www.apvma.gov.au

New Zealand
• New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/

Canada
• Veterinary Drugs Directorate Health Canada
• Canadian Centre for Veterinary Biologics, Canadian Food Inspection Agency