



# Regulatory aspects of veterinary vaccine development

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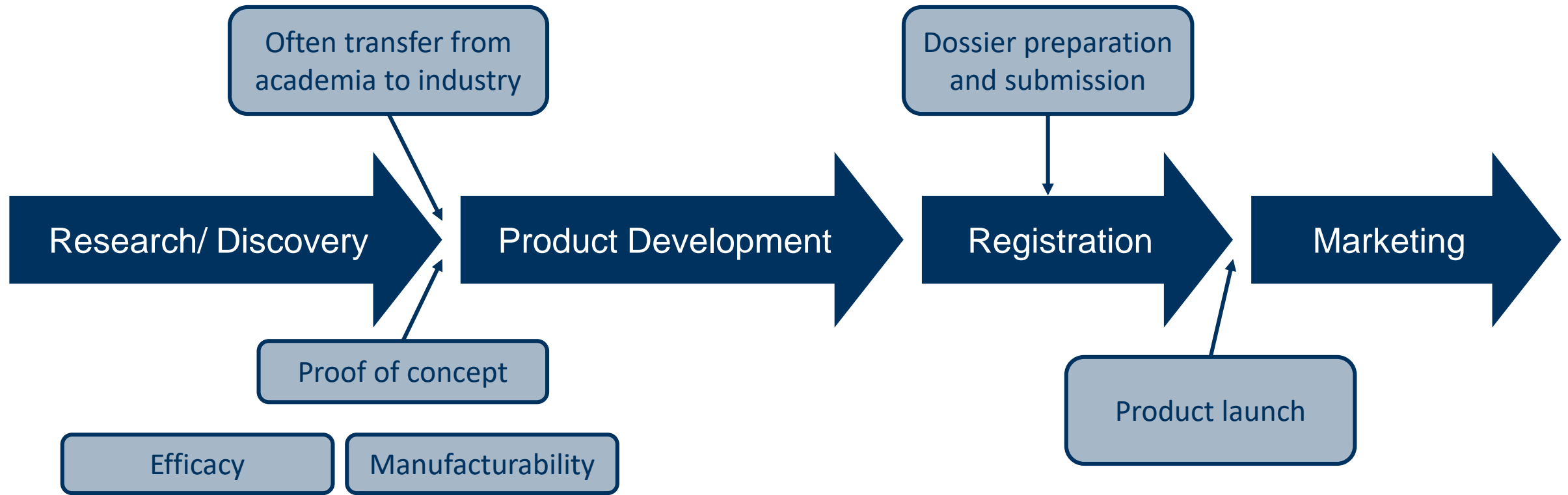
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8 years as member of Advisory Committee on releases to the Environment (ACRE)

# Regulation of veterinary vaccines

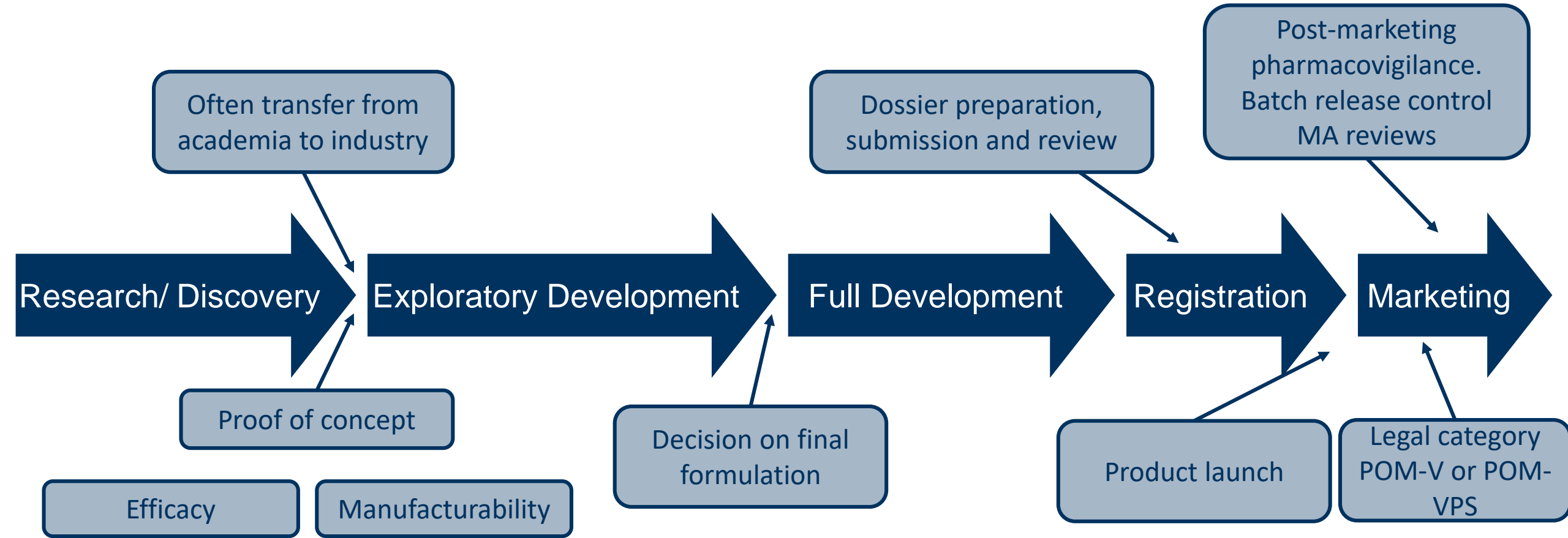
- Immunological veterinary medicinal product (IVMP)
- Data requirements for registration:
  - Quality
  - Safety
  - Efficacy



# Simplistic representation of the new product development process



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# Quality, Safety and Efficacy

Criterion	Description
<b>Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmaceutical: chemistry and pharmaceutical aspects of the active ingredient and product</li><li>• Vaccine (biological) this is about identity and characterization of the antigen.</li><li>• In both, the other quality aspects concern manufacture, purity, stability, batch reproducibility, quality control etc., with emphasis on validation.</li></ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For a food animal product this concerns safety for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the target animal,</li><li>• the human consumer of animal products,</li><li>• any operator handling or administering the product,</li><li>• the environment.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Efficacy</b>	Ability to produce the desired result. Does it do what is claimed? Does it work?

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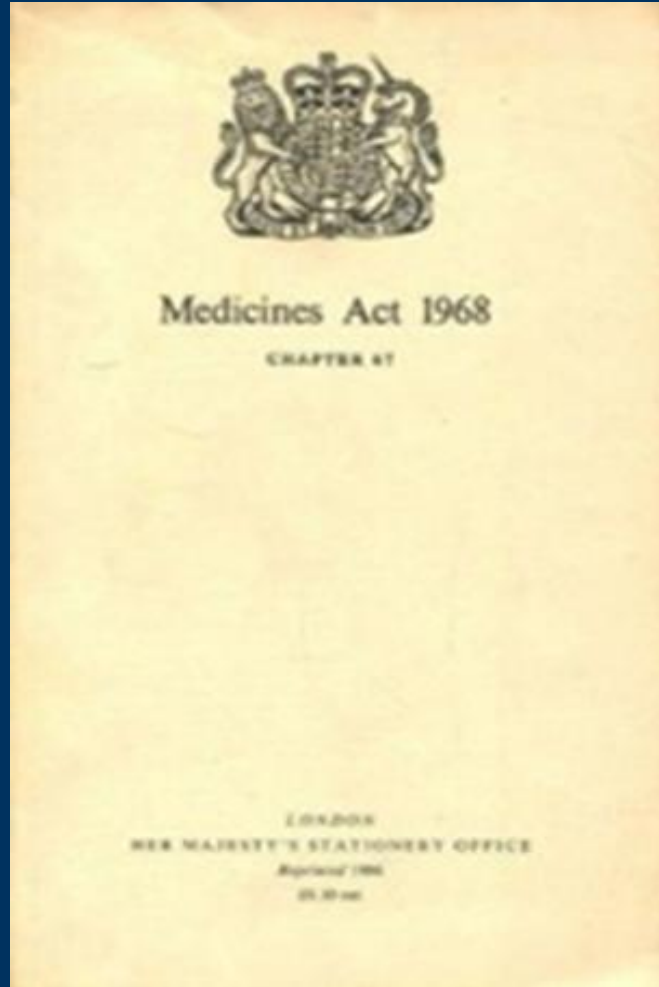
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# Major EC directives and regulations controlling the licensing of veterinary medicines

<b>Directive 81/851/EC</b>	Approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to veterinary medicinal products
<b>Directive 81/852/EC</b>	Approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmaco-toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of veterinary medicinal products
<b>Directive 90/677/EEC</b>	Extended scope of vet med directives to immunologicals
<b>Directive 2001/82/EC</b>	On the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products
<b>Regulation EC 726/2004</b>	Laying down Community procedures for the authorization and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency
<b>Directive 2004/28/EC</b>	Amending Directive 2001/82/EC on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products



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## **MEDICINES**

### The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013

*Made* - - - - - *6th August 2013*  
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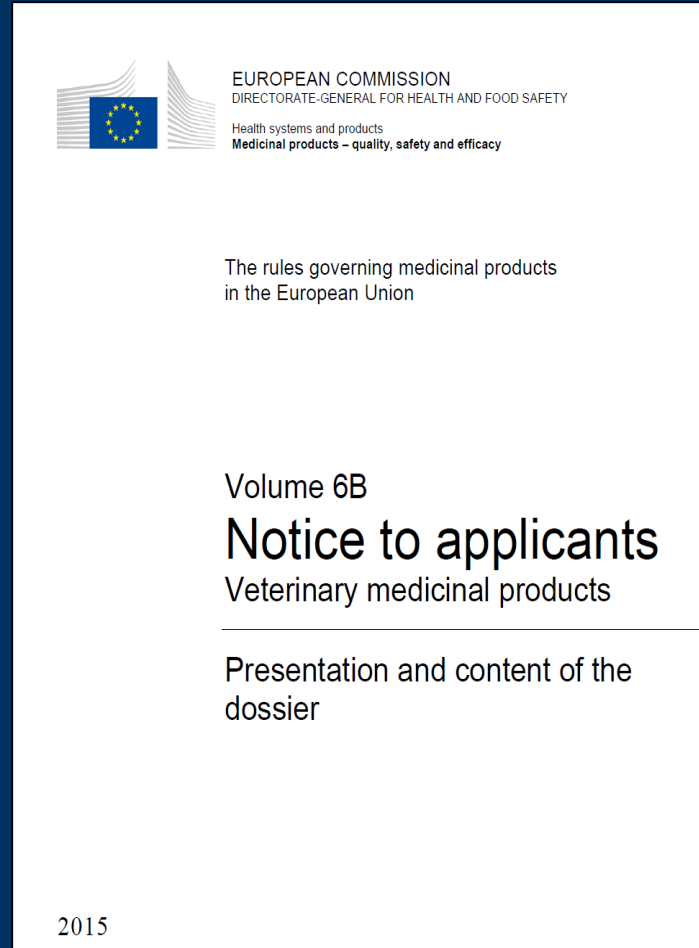
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# Dossier content



# EU routes to registration

1. The Centralised Procedure allows a marketing authorisation (MA) to be obtained and made available in all the Member States. This applies to high technology products defined in the Annex to Regulation 726/2004.
2. The National Procedure allows an MA to be obtained in a single country or in a country that will be the origin of a mutual recognition procedure.
3. The Decentralized Procedure: applications for authorisation of a product are obtained in a single Member State (the 'Reference Member State') by means of a national procedure. Following approval in the Reference Member State, applications are made, to other 'Concerned' Member States for identical authorisations to be granted on the basis of 'mutual recognition'.



## The **centralised** procedure and the EMA

- ONE** Marketing authorisation application
- ONE** Scientific Evaluation by the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP)
- ONE** Authorisation in all EU MS (28) + EEA (3)
- ONE** Invented name
- ONE** Product information
  - Summary of product characteristics (SPC)
  - Labelling
  - Package leaflet (PL)



EU languages

# Summary of veterinary vaccine dossier contents for EU registration

Part	Title	Contents
1	Summary of the dossier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative information (Company details, site of manufacture etc.)</li><li>• Summary of Product Characteristics, labelling and package leaflet</li><li>• Detailed and Critical Summaries (Expert reports)</li></ul>
2	Quality	Details of identity and characterization of the antigen and product. Manufacture, quality control, reproducibility, stability, etc.
3	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety to the target animal</li><li>• Safety to the consumer</li><li>• Safety to the environment</li><li>• Safety to operators / user</li></ul>
4	Efficacy	Ensures that the product meets its claims on the SPC and other labelling
5	Particulars and summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Outline requirements for laboratory studies</li><li>• Outline requirements for field studies</li><li>• General conclusion on the benefit : risk assessment of use of the product</li></ul>
6	Bibliographical references	List of references used in the dossier

## Part 2 of the dossier. Chemical, pharmaceutical and biological / microbiological information

A	Qualitative and quantitative particulars of the constituents	Active ingredient details, excipients, usual terminology (PhEur etc.), quantitative amounts of all actives and excipients
B	Description of the manufacturing method	Premises, methodology, validation
C	Control of starting materials	Provenance and QC tests on starting materials Packaging and closures TSE compliance
D	Control tests at intermediate stages	QC tests
E	Control tests on finished product	Specifications, compliance with specification. Safety tests e.g. contaminants endotoxins etc.
F	Stability	Shelf life of active, product both in storage and in-use
G	Further information	Batch to batch consistency

# GMP and the Orange guide





## Part 3: Safety 1

A	Introduction and general requirements	<b>Comments</b>
B	Laboratory tests  1. Safety of administration of one dose 2. Safety of one administration of an overdose 3. Safety of the repeated administration of one dose 4. Examination of reproductive functions 5. Examination of immunological performance	<b>All to GLP standard.</b>  Usually small numbers of animals ( $n \leq 10$ ) vaccinates plus controls, monitored clinically for 14 days after vaccination.  Only necessary where there is a suggestion that starting materials or product could be a risk factor.

## Part 3: Safety 2

<b>B</b>	<b>6. Special requirements for live vaccines</b> 6.1 Spread of vaccine strain 6.2 Dissemination in the vaccinated animal 6.3 Reversion to virulence of attenuated vaccines 6.4 Biological properties of the vaccine strain 6.5 Recombination or genomic re-assortment of the vaccine strain	<b>All to GLP standard</b> e.g. from vaccinates to non-vaccinates. Faeces, urine, milk, eggs, oral and nasal secretions. Using Master seed. Specifically designed study to assess likelihood of reversion. Study of intrinsic biological properties e.g. neurotropism. Probability of these events must be discussed.
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## Part 3: Safety 3

B	<p>7. User safety</p> <p>8. Study of residues</p> <p>9. Interactions</p>	<p><b>All to GLP standard</b></p> <p>Discussion of possible effects in humans with a view to warning statements etc</p> <p>Not normally necessary for vaccines unless excipients e.g. adjuvants suggest the possibility of residues in foodstuffs.</p> <p>Any interactions with other veterinary products shall be described.</p>
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## Part 3: Safety 4

C	Field studies	Results from lab studies usually supplemented with data from field studies. Normally done in combination with field efficacy study. GCP standard.
D	Environmental risk assessment	Assess possible risk to environment and to identify any precautionary measures.
E	Assessment required for veterinary medicinal products containing or consisting of <u>genetically modified organisms</u> .	In the case of veterinary medicinal products containing or consisting of <u>genetically modified organisms</u> the application shall also be accompanied by the documents required under Article 2 and Part C of Directive 2001/18/EC.

## Efficacy Studies

Chapter 1	General principles Performance of trials	The need to support any claims by data for specific trials. Need for formal, protocols, design, GCP etc.
Chapter 2		
A	General requirements	Justification of antigen choice. Need for controlled trials etc. Need for assessment of companion diagnostic test if DIVA claim made.
B	Laboratory trials	Need for well-controlled lab challenge trials, minimum titre/potency. If possible immune mechanism demonstrated. Onset of immunity. Duration of immunity
C	Field trials	Results from lab studies usually supplemented with data from field studies. Normally done in combination with field safety study. GCP standard.

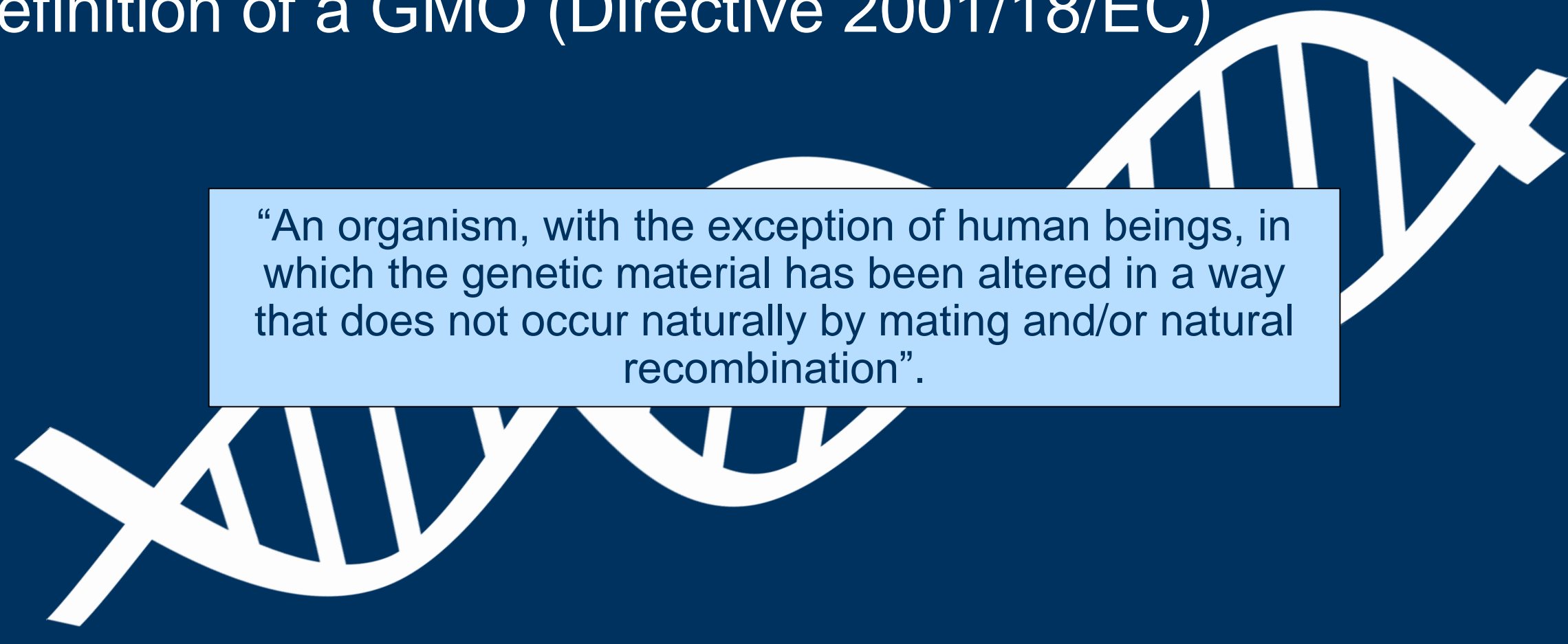
## Genetically modified organisms

### EU legislation relevant to the use of GMOs in veterinary medicinal products

Directive 90/219	On the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms
Directive 2001/18	On the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms

Directive 2001/18/EC requires the submission of a dossier containing an “Environmental risk assessment” (ERA) known as a “Part B” when applying for permission to release for the purposes of a field trial in an unlicensed product and known as a “Part C” when applying for a full MA.

# Definition of a GMO (Directive 2001/18/EC)



“An organism, with the exception of human beings, in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating and/or natural recombination”.

# Abstract from Directive 2001/18 Annex 1A.

Techniques of genetic modification referred to in Article 2(2) (a) are inter alia:

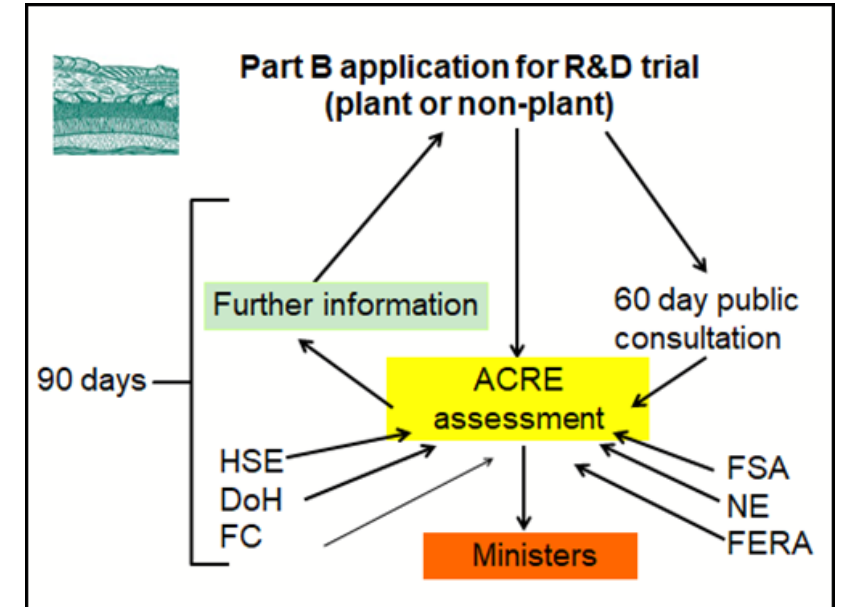
- (1) recombinant nucleic acid techniques involving the formation of new combinations of genetic material by the insertion of nucleic acid molecules produced by whatever means outside an organism, into any virus, bacterial plasmid or other vector system and their incorporation into a host organism in which they do not naturally occur but in which they are capable of continued propagation;
- (2) techniques involving the direct introduction into an organism of heritable material prepared outside the organism including micro-injection, macro-injection and micro-encapsulation;
- (3) cell fusion (including protoplast fusion) or hybridisation techniques where live cells with new combinations of heritable genetic material are formed through the fusion of two or more cells by means of methods that do not occur naturally.





## Definition of a GMO (EU)

- Definitions were drawn up in the 1990s
- The science has moved on considerably since then
- These definitions have become quite contentious,
- However they currently remain as the basis of the legal framework.
- Some have since argued that the definition should be based on the phenotype of the product (as in the US) and not the means by which it is produced e.g. Pollock and Hails (2014).



## Principles of the environmental risk assessment (ERA) for GMO releases (per Directive 2001/18/EC)

A	Objective	To identify and evaluate potential adverse effects, <b><u>on human health and the environment</u></b> which deliberate release or the placing on the market of GMOs may have. The ERA should be conducted with a view to identifying if there is a need for risk management and if so, the most appropriate methods to be used.
B	General principles	To apply the precautionary principle in a scientifically sound manner to identify any current or potential risks to the environment
C	Methodology	
	C1. Characteristics of the GMO and its release	Technical details regarding the construct and how it will potentially interact with the environment
	C2. Steps in the ERA	Identification and evaluation of potential risks to the environment
D	Conclusions on the potential environmental impact from the release or the placing on the market of GMOs	Likely fate in the environment and the potential risk of direct or indirect adverse effects on the environment

# Information required in the notification of release of GMOs (other than higher plants; per Directive 2001/18/EC).

<b>I.</b>		<b>General information about the applicant and nature of application</b>
<b>II.</b>		Information relating to the GMO
	A	Characteristics of the donor and recipient
	B	Characteristics of the vector
	C	Characteristics of the modified organism
		1. Information relating to the genetic modification
		2. Information on the final GMO
<b>III</b>		Information relating to the conditions of release and the receiving environment
	A	The release
	B	The environment
<b>IV</b>		Information relating to the interaction between the GMO and the environment
	A	Characteristics affecting survival, multiplication and dissemination
	B	Interactions with the environment
<b>V</b>		Information on monitoring, control, waste treatment and emergency response plans
	A	Monitoring techniques
	B	Control of the release
	C	Waste treatment
	D	Emergency response plans

## Matrix used to assess the environmental risk of a GMO

Estimation of risk posed by each identified characteristic of the GMO (taken from 2002/623/EC):

Consequence of hazard	Likelihood of hazard			
	High	Moderate	Low	Negligible
Severe	High	High	Moderate	Negligible
Moderate	High	High	Moderate/Low	Negligible
Low	Moderate/Low	Low	Low	Negligible
Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Actions:	Negligible / low:	Allowable
	Moderate:	Allowable with mitigation?
	High:	Probably not allowable

## Advice on regulatory strategy and dossier preparation

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) is based in Canary Wharf, London.

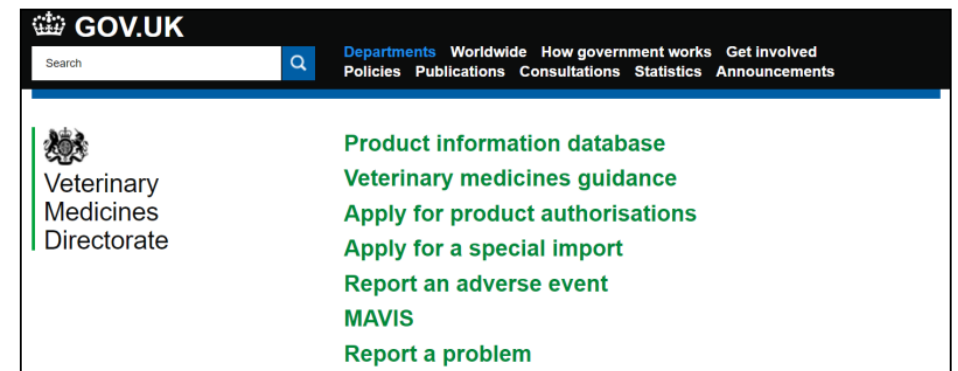
In addition to being the EU regulatory body it can also offer formal Scientific Advice as follows:



*“on the appropriate tests and studies in the development of a veterinary medicine. This is designed to facilitate the development and availability of high-quality, effective and acceptably safe medicines”.*

## How would this work when we are outside the EU?


- EMA moving to Amsterdam
- Likely that we would be member of the European Economic Area / EFTA e.g. Norway
- Therefore we would comply with EU requirements for veterinary medicine regulation and adopt the same Regulations.
- Would probably need an EU base from which to apply.
- Still work in progress and VMD not saying much



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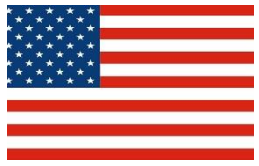
 Veterinary Medicines Directorate

- Product information database
- Veterinary medicines guidance
- Apply for product authorisations
- Apply for a special import
- Report an adverse event
- MAVIS
- Report a problem

## Regulation of veterinary vaccines in the US

- All pharmaceuticals and human vaccines regulated by FDA
- Veterinary vaccines (biologics) regulated by USDA
  - Virus-Serum-Toxin Act of 1913 as amended by the Food Security Act of 1985.
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) Ames, Iowa
- Requirements in Veterinary Services Memorandum No. 800.50.
- New applicants encouraged to contact informally first.





# USDA Veterinary Services Memorandum No. 800.50



February 09, 2011

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection  
Service

Veterinary Services

Washington, DC  
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## VETERINARY SERVICES MEMORANDUM NO. 800.50

**TO:** VS Management Team (VSMT)  
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics  
Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants

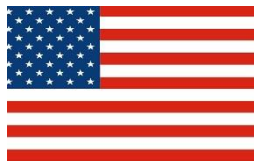
**FROM:** John R. Clifford /s/ Mark E. Teachman, for  
Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Basic License Requirements and Guidelines for Submission of Materials  
in Support of Licensure

### I. PURPOSE

This memorandum gives guidance on the requirements for obtaining a U.S. Veterinary Biologics Establishment License, per title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR), section 102.3(a), and a U.S. Veterinary Biological Product License, per 9 CFR 102.3(b). This memorandum specifies the information and documents APHIS needs to complete licensing actions.







## The USA. GMOs. Differences in approach between markets

- No federal US legislation specific to GMOs *per se*.
- Regulation through health, safety and environmental legislation governing conventional products.
- Focused on the nature of the products, rather than the process in which they were produced.
- Compared to other countries, regulation of GMOs in the US is relatively favourable to their development.
- GMOs are an economically important component of the biotechnology industry, which now plays a significant role in the US economy. For example, the US is the world's leading producer of genetically modified (GM) crops.



## Key differences between the EU and US systems of veterinary vaccine regulation and manufacture

	EU 	US 
1	GMP required	GMP not required but quality ensured through Outline of Production document
2	Dossier divided in to several distinct parts, in particular Safety, Quality and Efficacy	Quality, Safety and Efficacy sections not used
3	Separate legislation and process for GMOs	No separate legislation or process for GMOs but still have an ERA which takes account of the same issues
4	Dossier submitted as a completed document (separate submission for permission for field trials)	Dossier submitted in phases
5	Fixed times between submission by applicant and response	No fixed time between submission and response
6	No requirement to submit protocols to EMA before trial conducted	Protocols have to be approved by CVB before field trials conducted
7	No routine requirement to submit samples or pre-licensing serials to EMA.	Requirement to submit some samples and pre-licensing serials to CVB for confirmatory testing

# Examples of GMO vaccine platforms registered in at least one region

Vaccine range	Vector	Company
Vectormune / Vaxxitek	Turkey herpes virus	Ceva
Alvac / Purevax / Recombitek	Canary pox virus	BI Merial
Trovac	Fowlpox virus	BI Merial
Nobivac Myxo-RHD	Myxovirus	MSD

**CEVA'S NEW GENERATION VECTORMUNE® AI VACCINE PROVES TO BE A USEFUL TOOL TO CONTROL HPAI**

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### Biological and Immunogenic Properties of Canarypox Vectored Vaccines


**KEY POINTS**

- Canarypox vectored recombinant vaccines contain only a portion of the genetic material of a pathogen; therefore reversion to virulence is impossible.
- Canarypox vectored recombinant vaccines stimulate protective levels of immunity without undergoing replication in mammals.
- Vaccination with one canarypox recombinant vaccine does not interfere with the immune response to the same recombinant vaccine or another canarypox recombinant vaccine.
- Canarypox vectored recombinant vaccines do not necessarily need an adjuvant to work.
- Merial continues to lead the way by offering the veterinary profession recombinant canarypox vectored vaccines for canine distemper and equine West Nile virus in the RECOMBITEK® series, and rabies and FELV vaccine for cats, plus ferret distemper in the PUREVAX® line.

Author: **Doug Carithers, D.V.M.**  
 Based on: Taylor J, Meignier B, Tartaglia J, et al. Biological and immunogenic properties of a canarypox-rabies recombinant, ALVAC-RG (vCP65) in non-avian species. *Vaccine* 1995;13:539-549.

## “Mutual recognition” between regions

1. Free sales certificates and certificates of licensing and inspection
  - I. E.g. USDA and Latin American countries
  - II. Possibly for Africa
2. VICH: Veterinary International Cooperation on Harmonisation
  - I. US, EU and Japan with other observers
  - II. Harmonised tests for quality and safety
3. New EU Regulation (2020)
  - I. Contains specific provision under Article 138 (1) for the CVMP (or other) to give a “Scientific opinion for international organisations for animal health” which would in effect allow assessment of products on behalf of 3rd countries.
4. Regional groups in Africa e.g. UEMOA, possibility of using S. Africa free sales certificate system

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## Africa

Individual national regulatory agencies.  
Mostly linked to human regulatory agencies.  
Standards vary.

Mutual  
recognition in  
West Africa



Recent  
development of  
MR in East Africa

South Africa most advanced



The screenshot displays the AU-PANVAC website interface. At the top left is the AU-PANVAC logo, which includes a map of Africa and the text "Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine Center of African Union" and "AU-PANVAC". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: "About Us", "Certified Vaccines Batches" (highlighted in a gold bar), "Gallery", "News", "Publication", "Services", and a search icon. Below the navigation menu, there is a section titled "LIST OF CERTIFIED VACCINES, 2014" with a PDF icon. The bottom section of the website features four main content areas, each with a blue header and a corresponding image: "Vaccine Quality Control" (with a blue-tinted image of a laboratory), "Reagent Production" (with a blue-tinted image of a factory), "Publications" (with an image of a stack of papers), and "Training Programs" (with an image of a group of people holding certificates). A small upward-pointing arrow is visible at the bottom right of the content area.

# The Masaka Vet Pharmacy Uganda



# East Coast Fever (*T. parva*) ITM – registration



**Safe & effective East Coast Fever Vaccine available in Uganda NOW**

**One injection protects your calf or cow against East Coast Fever (ECF) for life**

protect your cattle & increasing your productivity & income:  
East Coast Fever Vaccination will prevent your cow or calf getting sick from ECF or dying from this disease.  
Vaccination protects, which means no treatment is needed for ECF.  
The vaccination shot protects your animal against ECF for life.  
It reduces death and ensures the survival of your calves against ECF.  
It results in improved production and higher household income.

**EAST COAST FEVER**  
*(Theileria parva)*  
**Muguga Cocktail**

**Registration dossier and Technology transfer document**

**Volume 2**  
**Parts 3 and 4**  
**Safety and Efficacy**

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**The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)**

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THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT  
(Cap. 244)

THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (REGISTRATION OF DRUGS) RULES

**REGISTRATION OF DRUGS CERTIFICATE**

Number: V2009/20456/028

It is hereby certified that the drug as described hereunder, has been registered subject to the conditions indicated hereunder:

- Trade name under which marketed: **MUGUGA COCKTAIL**
- Approved name: **MUGUGA COCKTAIL**
- Form of preparation: **VACCINE**
- Active ingredients and quantities per unit:
  - KLAMBU 10<sup>-10</sup>**
  - MUGUGA 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup>**
  - BERENGETI TRANSFORMED 10<sup>-10</sup> PER ML**
- Condition(s) under which medicine is registered: **UNCONDITIONAL**
- Name and business address of manufacturer: **INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ILRI)**  
P.O. BOX 30786 00100 NAIROBI
- Registered in the name of: **INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
Business address: **P.O. BOX 30786 00100 NAIROBI**
- Date of Registration: **22ND OCTOBER 2009**
- Expiry date of Registration: **22ND OCTOBER 2014**

Date: **23RD OCTOBER 2009**

Registrar,  
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**TANZANIA FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY**

TFDA  
Tanzania Food & Drugs Authority

Department of Livestock Development  
Ministry of Water and Livestock  
Development, Livestock Department, Kilimo 2,  
P.O. Box 9152  
Dar-es-salaam,  
TANZANIA.

REF. NO: CB.84/101/01/18      Tuesday, 29 December 2009

**RE: NOTICE OF DRUG APPROVED FOR REGISTRATION**  
Reference is made to the application for registration of your product in Tanzania.

We are pleased to inform you that the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority has considered and granted registration of your medicinal product listed hereunder.

The respective registration certificate is being prepared and when it is ready it will be issued to you. In the meantime you can use this letter as a proof of registration of the product. The certificate will, unless earlier revoked or suspended be valid for five years from the date of issue provided that:

- Annual retention fees of US\$ 100.00 per product are timely paid before the end of January of each calendar year.
- The product continues to comply with the requirements as prescribed in Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act 2003.
- All changes regarding the product are notified to and approved by the Authority.

With effect from the date of this letter till the certificate expires and upon compliance to the relevant provisions of the Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2003 and any other written law the product may be imported or manufactured for sale in Tanzania.

The product is as follows:  
1. **NDIGAVAC SUSPENSION**

**M. Ndonondo-Sigonda**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL**



# DNA vaccines in fish (first in Canada now in EU)

The screenshot shows the Vical website's product page for Apex®-IHN. The header includes the Vical logo, navigation links (ABOUT US, TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTS, CLINICAL TRIALS, INVESTORS, CONTACT US), a search bar, and a stock ticker (NASDAQ | VICL: 4.47 -0.13). The main content area features a large image of laboratory glassware and the word 'products' in a large font. Below this, a sidebar lists various products: Pipeline, ASP0113 Therapeutic CMV Vaccine, HSV-2 Therapeutic Vaccine, CymVectin™ Prophylactic CMV Vaccine, VL-2397 Antifungal, and Other Products. The 'Other Products' section highlights 'Apex®-IHN' and 'Dengue Vaccine'. The main content area is titled 'Apex®-IHN' and contains a detailed description of the vaccine, its development by Vical and Novartis, and its use in salmon aquaculture. The Novartis Animal Health logo and 'Novartis Aqua Health' branding are also visible.

The image shows a press release from the European Medicines Agency (EMA). At the top is the EMA logo, which consists of a blue circle containing a white bowl of Hygieia. Below the logo is the text 'EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY' and 'SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH'. The date and reference information are listed as '22 April 2016', 'EMA/CVMP/281226/2016', and 'Press office'. A section titled 'Press release' is underlined. The main headline reads 'First DNA vaccine in the EU recommended for use in salmon' in blue text, followed by the sub-headline 'Clynav to protect Atlantic salmon from serious infectious disease'. The body of the text states: 'The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has recommended granting a marketing authorisation in the European Union (EU) for Clynav, a DNA vaccine to protect Atlantic salmon against Salmon Pancreas Disease (SPD) caused by salmon alphavirus subtype 3.'



## Key messages

- DNA vaccines are new innovative veterinary products for regulators
- DNA vaccines are not classified as GMOs
- Safety studies should be undertaken as if the plasmid was a live vaccines:
  - Dissemination studies in the target animal and spread to the environment
  - Overdose conducted at 10X maximum DNA plasmid content
- Potential integration into the genome of the vaccinated animal is a critical safety issue
- An ERA should be conducted as far as possible, in line with 2001/18/EC
- The ERA should be a quantitative risk assessment with consequence analysis

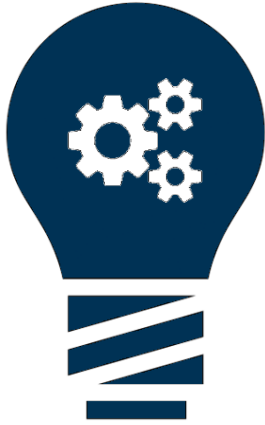
## How to engage with regulators



### A number of reasons to contact regulators:

- Informal advice during product development
- Formal scientific advice during product development  
The more data that the company has, the more value to these meetings
- To apply for field trial permits / deliberate release
- To apply for a marketing authorisation

## Routes to market



### **Product Development**

Spin out companies  
License or sell technology



### **Attention to target markets**

Antigen content  
(registration is product specific, not by  
'platform')  
Developed and developing countries



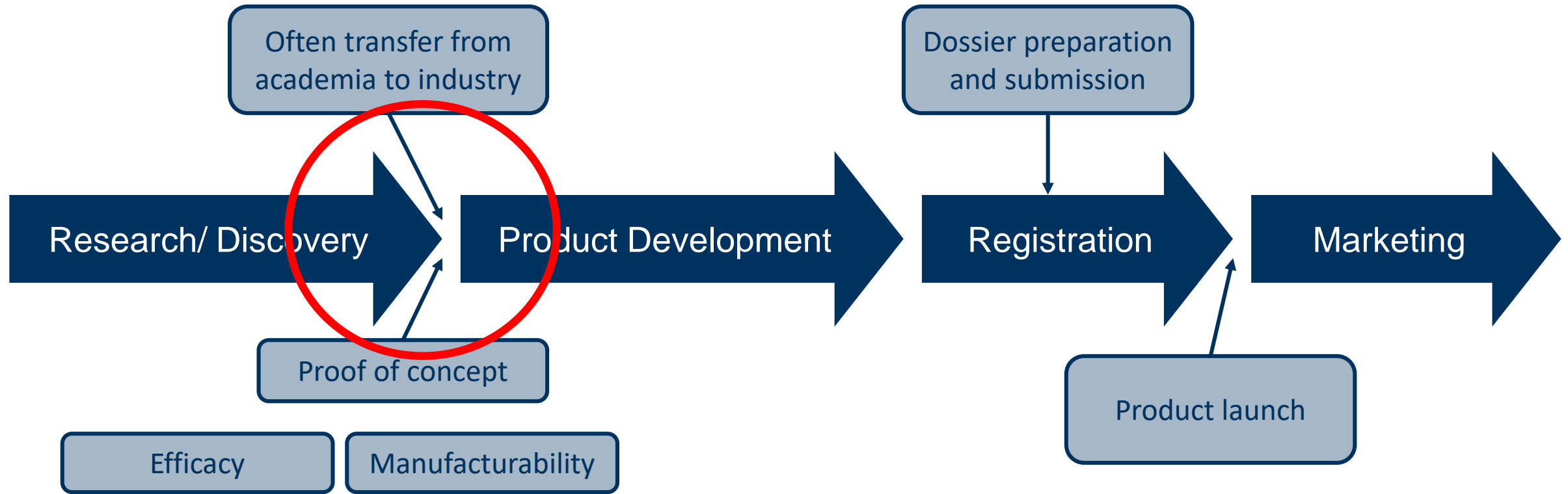
### **Likely partners**

Global AH company  
Regional company  
Start-up company

## Some decisions for product development

- Which product / which antigen?
- Which market?
- Public or private good?
- Likely return on investment
- Route to market / commercial partner etc.
- Exploratory studies to optimise formulation
- Cost of goods
- Decide on final formulation and focus on development
- Define “Product profile” (SPC)
- Draw up product development plan
  - Necessary activities, timelines, roles and responsibilities

# Simplistic representation of the new product development process



# Working with industry

First meeting between a company R&D director and an academic researcher

'I've developed a new vaccine for lumpy cow disease'

'How big is the market?'

'Well er- quite a few farms around here are affected'

'How effective is it, have you patented it and how much does it cost to make?'

'Well when I say a vaccine I mean I think we might have identified some candidate protective antigens'

'You mean they protect cattle against challenge?'

'Err no, but they seem quite effective in mice. We did an experiment in 2 calves but the results were a bit equivocal, although one did seroconvert.'





# Companies are risk averse

## What do they want?

- Proof of concept
  - An IPR position i.e. some property that they can own / license
  - Convincing and reproducible evidence that the antigen(s) is likely to be protective in the target species using an appropriate challenge model
  - A degree of confidence that a registerable product can be manufactured at a profit
- The 'gap' often comprises
  - one or more critical experiments of adequate power to demonstrate the second point above.
  - Period of 1-2 years
  - Translational funding
  - Mutual understanding!





Thank you