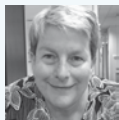




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# Handling Changes and Variations



Live Online Training on 14/15 April 2021



## Highlights

- The European Variations Procedure
- The supporting Guidelines on the Categories of Variations and the Operation of the Procedures
- The CMDh Best Practice Guides and Explanatory Notes
- Documenting Variations
- Grouping of Variations
- Classification of Variations
- National, European and Global Changes
- Changes in Packaging Material
- Changes in ASMFs and CEPs
- ICH Q12: Variations and Lifecycle Management

ICH Q12 Post-Approval Changes Guideline  
- How to use the PACMP in Practice

## Objective

This Live Online Training is intended to provide guidance on the provisions laid down in the EU variations regulation and the supporting guideline. You will get to know how the regulation works and you will learn about

- How to efficiently submit and process variations
- Which benefits the supporting guidelines provide and how to use them
- What has to be considered during documentation of a variations procedure
- How to handle changes in manufacturing procedures
- How to handle changes in packaging material
- How to manage changes in ASMFs and CEPs
- How to deal with PACMPs in practice?
- What is, and what is not, an established condition (EC) according to ICH Q12?

## Background

Since 1 January 2010 the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2008 is binding and directly applicable in all EU member states. It defines the procedure for handling variations to the terms of marketing authorisations. Article 4 of this regulation calls for detailed guidelines explaining the different categories of variations types as well as procedural questions on the documents to be submitted in each case. These Guidelines have been consolidated in one document and published as Chapter 5 of Eudralex Volume 2A (procedures for marketing authorization) in May 2013.

The variations regulation is intended to simplify the handling of the variations procedure and to provide more flexibility in the submission and processing of variations. However the provisions are of considerable complexity and it is important for API manufacturers and the pharmaceutical industry to be well informed about the latest status of the details of the provisions about handling changes and variations.


Additionally, the final ICH Q12 Guideline for post-approval changes has been published and is now being implemented in the ICH regions. The guideline introduces new concepts to facilitate the management of post-approval CMC changes in a more predictable and efficient manner. The new ICH Q12 concepts include, for example, “Established Conditions” (ECs) and “Post-Approval Change Management Protocols” (PACMPs) to extent regulatory flexibility.

Finally, a lot of regulatory work (e.g. variations) will have to be managed due to the Brexit

## Target Audience

The Live Online Training is designed for all persons involved in the compilation of pharmaceutical dossiers for marketing authorisations who want to become familiar with the EU variations regulation, in particular for personnel from Regulatory Affairs. Furthermore, the Live Online Training will be of interest to personnel from Quality Units, Quality Control and Production of the pharmaceutical and the API industry.

## Programme Day 1

 Provisional timetable, the actual schedule may vary depending on the situation

09.00 - 09.15 h Welcome/Introduction

09.15 - 10.15 h The European Variations Procedure – an Overview

- Introduction and legal background
- General provisions of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008
- Supporting Guidelines
- Classification of variations
- Procedural handling of variations
- Grouping and worksharing of Variations
- Impact of Brexit
- Conclusion and Expectations

10.15 - 10.30 h Break

10.30 - 12.30 h (including 10 Minutes Break)  
Submission and Processing of Variations – the CMDh Best Practice Guides and Explanatory Notes & ICH Q12

- Best practice guides for the processing of different types of variations
- Best practice guides for the processing of grouped applications
- Best practice guides on worksharing and recommendations on unforeseen variations
- The explanatory notes on how to complete the Variation Application Form
- ICH Q12
  - What is, and what is not, an established condition subject to post-approval change reporting requirements?
  - Expected timelines for ICH Q12 implementation



12.30 - 13.00 h Q&A Session 1

13.00 - 14.00 h Break

14.00 - 14.45 h Grouping of Variations – Case Studies / Examples

- Cases for grouping variations according to Article 7 in connection with Annex III of the Commission Regulation
- Possibilities to combine several changes into one single application
- Examples

14.45 - 15.45 h How to manage changes in a multi customer situation using ASMFs or CEPs

- Specific issues for API manufacturers
- Need for changes
- How to inform your customers and get feed-back
- Differences between ASMF and CEP
- When can you implement the change
- Conclusions

15.45 - 16.00 h Break

16.00 - 17.00 h Examples for classification of variations  
- API related changes categorization differences  
World Wide



17.00 - 17.30 h Q&A Session 2

## Programme Day 2

09.00 - 10.00 h How to document a Variations  
Procedure

- Documentation requirements for different types of variations
- Timelines
- Why a Change Control System?
- Major parts of a Change Control SOP
- Efficient company internal communication
- Hints and tips for lowering the workload
- Post Approval Change Management Protocol (PACMP)

10.00 - 10.45 h Handling National, European and Global  
Changes

- Changes in national applications
- Variations Project Management
- Starting and processing the notification procedure within Europe
- Changes and variations in the US
- Handling global changes and variations
- Impact of Q8, Q9, Q10, Q12 and PAT

10.45 - 11.00 h Break

11.00 - 12.00 h How to handle Changes in  
Manufacturing Processes

- Background
- How to implement Changes
- Changes in the Manufacture of APIs
- Example: Minor change in the API synthesis
- Example: Site change
- Changes in the Manufacture of Drug Products
  - Example: Minor process change
- Practical Example: Manufacturing Sites outside the EEA
  - Proof of GMP compliance of the new site
  - QP declarations



12.00 - 12.30 h Q&A Session 3

12.30 - 13.30 h Break

13.30 - 14.30 h How to handle Packaging Changes

- Background
  - Packaging information in Module 3
- How to deal with these Changes
- Key questions
- Practical Examples
  - Change in supplier
  - Change in the foil composition
  - Change of packaging for sterile products

14.30 - 14.45 h Break

14.45 - 15.30 h Variations and Lifecycle Management

- Reasons for Variations
- Procedures and classifications
- Type II Variations: time scales
- Extension of an existing marketing authorisation
- Categorisation of new applications versus variation applications
- ICH Q12: Established Conditions (ECs) and Post-Approval Change Management Protocols (PACMPs)



15.30 - 16.00 h Q&A Session 4

## Speakers



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Peter Bachmann has joined in 1999 the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM, Germany), Department of 'Drug Approval'. He was there as Head of the Subunit 'Variations' responsible for the coordination and administration of variations to medicinal products. From September 2002 to July 2005 he was Head of the Unit 'Mutual Recognition Procedures' at the Department 'European Procedures'. At this time he was the German representative to the MRFG (Mutual Recognition Facilitation Group). Following the reorganisation of the BfArM in July 2005, Peter Bachmann was appointed as Senior Expert for 'European Drug Regulatory Affairs' at Department 'European and International Affairs' and is the German Member of the CMD(h). He is also the German Member of the NtA, a member of different other European and AdHoc Working Parties, a lecturer for 'Drug Regulatory Affairs' at the Universities of Bonn and Duisburg-Essen.



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Marieke van Dalen is the global regulatory specialist in the regulatory group dedicated to APIs, with over 30 years of experience in the regulatory field. She is a board member of APIC, the European API Industry organization, and she participates in a number of task forces. Marieke frequently represents APIC in meetings and conferences organized by EMA, EDQM, CPhI etc.



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Dr Hiltrud Horn is managing director of Horn Pharmaceutical Consulting with focus on CMC, GMP and Regulatory Affairs (EU and US). She started in pharma industry in 1990 and held several managerial positions within Hoffmann-La Roche in Basel and Knoll / now Abbott in Ludwigshafen with global responsibility within QC / QA / Regulatory Affairs / Project Management / Medical Writing. She was consultant for the biotech and life science industry at Cap Gemini Ernst & Young prior to starting her own business more than 13 years ago. She is pharmacist with a Ph.D. and holds a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (Basel). Furthermore she is specialised pharmacist for pharmaceutical analytics and for drug information.



Dr Wilhelm Schlumbohm  
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Dr Schlumbohm worked 30 years with German drug licensing authorities. He was an expert for the Certification Procedure of the European Pharmacopoeia and a member of the TAB for several years. He was also a member of the ASMF working group, and the CVMP co-opted member for quality. He is a pharmacist, holds a PhD in biochemistry, and is further qualified as pharmacist for drug information and for public health. Currently he works as external advisor to drug regulatory authorities.



## Date of the Live Online Training

Wednesday, 14 April 2021, 9.00 – 17.30 h  
Thursday, 15 April 2021, 9.00 – 16.00 h

All times mentioned are CEST.

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