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Regulatory Updates (NRC 2013)

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NPCB ORGANISATION CHART

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NPCB's PREVIOUS VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

The National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau will be a centre of excellence on pharmaceutical regulatory matters to ensure the health and well-being of mankind

MISSION

The National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau shall ensure the quality, efficacy and safety of pharmaceutical products through the implementation of relevant legislation by a competent workforce working together in strategic alliance towards improving the health of the people

NPCB's REVISED VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

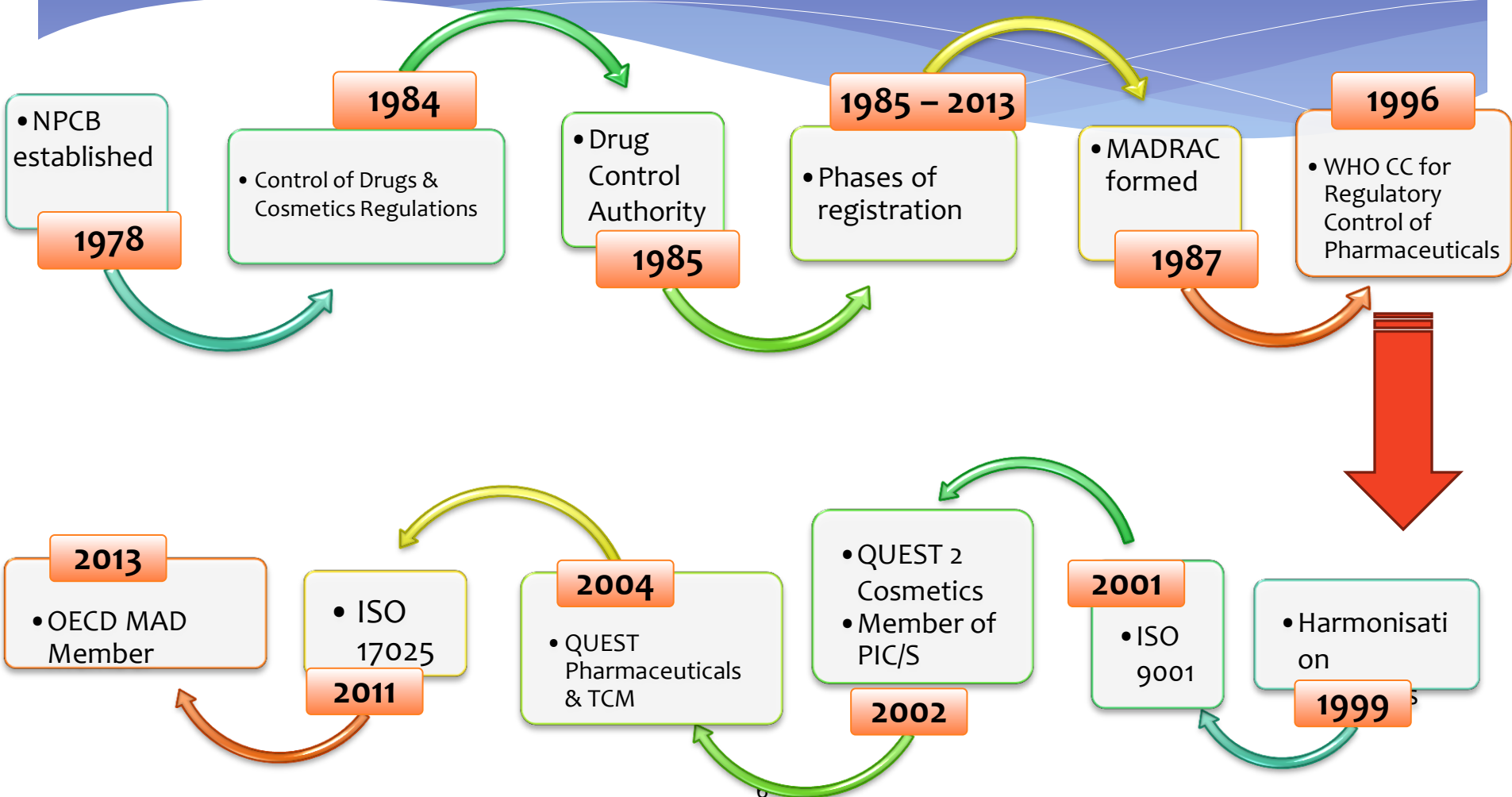
VISION

To be a world renowned regulatory authority for medicinal products and cosmetics.

MISSION

To safeguard the nation's health through scientific excellence in the regulatory control of medicinal products and cosmetics.

NPCB: MILESTONES



MALAYSIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN OECD MAD

29 March 2013

NPCB as the
Compliance Monitoring
Authority (CMA) for :

- ✓ Pharmaceuticals
(includes
vaccines, natural
product and
biologics)
- ✓ Cosmetics
- ✓ Food additives
- ✓ Veterinary drugs

Malaysia became full
adherent member to
OECD MAD in the
Assessment of
Chemicals:

- ✓ Non-clinical safety
data related to the
protection on man
and its environment
will be accepted by
OECD.

STANDARDS MALAYSIA
as the Compliance
Monitoring Authority
(CMA) for :

- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Non-Pharmaceutical
Biotechnology
Products
- ✓ Animal Feed &
Additives
- ✓ Chemicals

REGULATORY UPDATES: DATA EXCLUSIVITY (DE)

- Directive on DE effective as of **1st March 2011**
- **New Chemical Entities (NCE)**
 - ❖ Application within 18 months from date of first registration
 - ❖ Duration: 5 years granting of DE in country of origin
- **Second Indication** of registered products.
 - ❖ Application within 12 months from approval of second indication
 - ❖ Duration: 3 years
- Granted by Senior Director of Pharmaceutical Services, MOH
- Exclusion: Compulsory Licensing, National Emergency etc
- Not applicable to Biologics/Biotechnology Products

REGULATORY UPDATES : ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS (API)

➤ API requirements for new drug applications was implemented in stages:

✚ **New Chemical Entities (NCE)**

- ❖ April 2011 : Voluntary
- ❖ January 2012 : Mandatory

✚ **Generics** : In stages according to risk

- ❖ Injectables/Parenterals : Tentative January 2014
- ❖ Others: To be decided

✚ **Other issues:**

- ❖ Existing Products: To be decided
- ❖ GMP Standards: PIC/S, WHO,

REGULATORY UPDATES : BIOEQUIVALENCE (BE)

- ✚ Implementation of requirement for BE studies for all **generic “Immediate Release, Oral, Solid Dosage Form”** products
 - ❖ Extension to previous 9 lists
 - ❖ Applicable only to products containing **Scheduled Poisons**
 - New Registration : 1st January 2012
 - Existing Products: 1st January 2014 upon submission for renewal
- ✚ Accreditation of BE Providers/Centres
 - ❖ Inspections by NPCB auditors based on GCP and GLP Principals
 - ❖ Local and Foreign Centres
 - ❖ Payment by Product Holder – Inspection fee for foreign inspections (€5,000 + Expenses)
 - ❖ Listing of approved BE Centres in NPCB website

REGULATORY UPDATES : BIOEQUIVALENCE (BE)

- ✚ Notification of BE studies conducted in **Local or Foreign** BE Centres for Registered or to be Registered Products
 - ❖ Effective 1 January 2012
 - ❖ Local BE Centres that do not require CTIL/CTX
 - Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
 - Foreign Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
 - ❖ Foreign BE Centres accredited/recognised by NPCB
 - Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
 - Exempted for Foreign Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
 - Documents required during registration
 - Inspection report valid for 3 years after inspection

REGULATORY UPDATES : BIOEQUIVALENCE (BE)

- ✚ Biopharmaceuticals Classification System (BCS) based Biowaiver
 - ❖ Immediate Release Oral Dosage Forms Generics
 - API in BCS Class I (High Solubility & High Permeability Rapid Dissolution & Absorption)
- ✚ Revisiting Policy on BE Requirements
 - ❖ New Comparators
 - ❖ Possible exemptions for Grandfather Products
 - Formation of task force
 - Possibly based on individual API and not time-based

REGULATORY UPDATES : GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE (GMP)

- ▶ Pharmaceutical products from foreign countries must be manufactured in a PIC/S or ICH country

OR

- ▶ facility that has been inspected and compliant to PIC/S GMP guidelines by a National Drug Regulatory Agency of a PIC/S or ICH Member Country

OR

- ▶ ASEAN Member State listed in ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement for GMP

Implementation date:

- 1st July 2012 : new registration of pharmaceutical products
- 1st January 2014 : product registration renewal

REGULATORY UPDATES : GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE (GMP)

+ Reason for Implementation

- ❖ Equalised GMP Standard used – Local & Imported
- ❖ Safeguard Patients Safety – Ensure High Quality Products
- ❖ Level Playing Field for Local & Foreign Manufacturers

+ Exemption Clause

- ❖ Unmet Medical Needs – Orphan Drugs
- ❖ Life-Saving Products – Oncology/Anti-Retrovirus
- ❖ National Emergency – Pandemic
- ❖ Technology Transfer

REGULATORY UPDATES : GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE (GMP)

- ✚ Revisit Current Directive on PIC/S GMP
 - ❖ Exemption Clause
 - ❖ GMP inspection of Overseas Facilities by NPCB
 - First refusal
 - Extension to other category of products when necessary
 - API, Health Supplement, Tradisional/Herbal
- ✚ Enforcement on Traditional Manufacturing Facilities
 - ❖ Water Treatment System : 1st July 2013
 - ❖ Centralised Air Handling System: 1st January 2014
 - ❖ Prohibition from manufacturing food in licensed traditional facilities: February 2013

GMP Scope Expansion

- * Blood establishments

- Fractionation
- Collection centres

- * Biologicals

- Cellular & Genetic Therapy Products (CGTPs)

- * API

- Pharmaceuticals
- Herbals

- * Healthcare establishments

- * hospital clean room facilities

- * Nuclear pharmacy/
radiopharmaceuticals

- * Compounding Facilities

- TPN

REGULATORY UPDATES: STABILITY STUDY

✚ Long Term Stability Study – Prescription & OTC

- ❖ ICH Zone 4B : $30^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $75\% \text{ RH} \pm 5\%$
- ❖ New registration : Effective 2009
- ❖ Existing as of 2009: Data upon renewal
 - Variation – Labeling on storage condition

✚ Exemption

- ❖ API not Stable at Zone 4B - Justification
- ❖ Products requiring Cold Chain

✚ Deadline: 1st January 2015

REGULATORY UPDATES: FOOD DRUG INTERPHASE (FDI)

- ✚ Classification by NPCB as of 1st January 2013
 - ❖ Classification tree available on website
- ✚ Existing Products as of December 2012
 - ❖ Can be marketed until 31st December 2013
- ✚ New Products
 - ❖ Must be registered
- ✚ Products containing Gamat (*stichopus spp*) taken orally must be registered
- ✚ Products in pharmaceutical dosage forms
 - ✚ Cannot be classified as food

REGULATORY UPDATES: VARIATION

- ✚ Malaysian Variation Guidelines (MVG)
 - ❖ Based on ASEAN Variation Guidelines adopted by ASEAN in July 2012 and come in force in July 2013
 - ❖ Certain Country Specific Requirements
 - ❖ Implementation:
 - 1st July 2013 – Minor Variation Notification (MiV-N)
 - 1st January 2014
 - Conditions & documentations for Major Variation (MaV) & Minor Variation – Prior Approval (MiV-PA)
 - Grace period for implementation by PRH after approval of variation

REGULATORY UPDATES: SECURITY HOLOGRAM

- ✚ Also known as Meditag
- ✚ Purchased only by Manufacturers & Importers licensed by DCA
- ✚ Requirements:
 - ❖ Maintain Security Hologram Register – usage, reconciliation, batch No., Serial No., Name of Product, etc
 - ❖ Attached to immediate packaging
 - ❖ Cannot be transferred or sold to 3rd party
 - ❖ Own products only
 - ❖ Subjected to audit
- ✚ Complaints – Diversion, reuse²⁰ etc

REGULATORY UPDATES: HALAL LOGO

- ✚ Halal Logo previously allowed:
 - ❖ Cosmetics
 - ❖ Traditional/Natural Products
 - ❖ Health Supplements
- ✚ As of 1st January 2013, allowed for OTC Products except parenteral
- ✚ Voluntary - Approval by JAKIM & Islamic Bodies recognised by JAKIM
- ✚ Declaration on label if contain any ingredient from animal source eg porcine, bovine

REGULATORY UPDATES: CONSUMER MEDICATION INFORMATION LEAFLET (RiMUP)

- ✚ Required for **ALL** Products that are self-administered by patients
- ✚ Effective on 31st December
 - ❖ 2011 : Diabetes & Hypertension
 - ❖ 2012: Cardio-vascular, Chronic Respiratory Disease, Psychiatry, Chronic Renal Disease, Epilepsy, Osteoporosis
 - ❖ 2013: Other Scheduled poisons, OTC, THMS with high claims
- ✚ Submission Check list & Standard Format available
- ✚ Upload on NPCB Web-site

REGULATORY UPDATES: HIGH/MEDIUM CLAIMS FOR HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS (HS)

- ✚ Registration of HS with effect 1st March 2013
 - ❖ General Claims
 - General Health Maintenance
 - ❖ Functional Claims (Medium)
 - Maintains or enhances the structure or function of the human body, excluding disease-related claims
 - Standard Reference/Scientific evidence from human observational studies
 - ❖ Disease Risk Reduction Claims (High)
 - Significantly altering or reducing a risk factor of a disease or health related condition
 - Human intervention study, toxicology (chronic) & Pharmacology Studies²³

REGULATORY UPDATES: CHANGE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION HOLDER (PRH)

- ✚ Product Owner has full rights over product
- ✚ PRH has rights over the registration of product
 - ❖ Change of PRH can only be done by present PRH
- ✚ No agreement bet. Owner & PRH for Change
 - ❖ Products deregistered upon receipt of letter of termination from Product Owner
- ✚ Fast Track Registration possible
- ✚ Effective 3 April 2013

REGULATORY UPDATES: MISCELLANEOUS

- ✚ Product Registration Holder (PRH) instead of Market Authorisation Holder (MAH)
- ✚ Licensing of Veterinary Products – July 2013
- ✚ Abolishment of Product Registration Certificate (SPP) as of 1st February 2013
- ✚ Requirement for Certificate of Analysis for every batch of registered product imported to be kept as of January 2013

REGULATORY UPDATES: MISCELLANEOUS

- ✚ Exemption of patient dispensing pack for certain cream/ointment → *Effective December 2010*
 - ❖ Hospital use and Skin Specialist clinic only
 - ❖ Limit to certain types
 - Weak & moderately potent corticosteroids
 - Emollients and Protectives – Max: 500gm
 - Wounds & Ulcers – Max: 500ml – 1 liter
 - Antipsoriatics - Max 500ml/gm

Strengthening ADR

- * Increase ADR reporting
 - * Target > 50% WHO standard
 - * AEFI reporting for all vaccines
 - * Reporting by private health professionals & consumers
 - * Reporting by consumers
 - * On-line reporting via website
- * Risk Minimization & Risk Communication
 - * Pharmacovigilance Committee
 - * Patient Information Leaflets (RiMUP)
 - * Drug Safety News (REAKSI)

Business Process Reengineering

- * Licensing process reduce from 10 to 4 working days effective 1 Jan 2012
- * Changes in registration flow processes
 - * Incorporating screening process
- * New Client Charter
- * Support development of local pharmaceutical industry
 - * Rural Transformation Centres (NBOS)
 - * Halal pharmaceuticals
 - * NKEA : Healthcare
 - * EPP2 : Clinical Trials
 - * EPP3 : Malaysian Pharmaceuticals
 - * NKEA : Agricultural
 - * EPP1 : High Value Herbal Products

FUTURE POLICIES: NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS

- ✚ Development in line with QUEST 3+
 - ❖ Specification approved
 - ❖ Restricted Tender
- ✚ Limit No. Of Correspondence
- ✚ Fixed Timelines for Evaluation & Response
- ✚ Rejection of Application at Multiple Levels

FUTURE POLICIES: LIST OF CERTIFIED LABORATORIES

✚ Testing of TM/Natural Products

- ❖ Mandatory testing of every batch produced
- ❖ Requirement of CoA for every batch imported
- ❖ Acceptance of CoA from Certified Lab. for purpose of Registration

✚ Criteria

- ❖ SAMM Accredited in required scope (MS ISO 17025)
- ❖ Valid Contract between Manufacture/PRH
- ❖ Audited by NPCB

✚ Voluntary ➡ List uploaded in NPCB website

FUTURE POLICIES: ANIMAL FEED & PREMIXES

- ✚ Malaysia Animal Feed Act 2009 (Act 698)
 - ❖ Published in Gazette on 3 September 2009
 - ❖ Enforced in April 2013
 - ❖ Does not extend to Sabah & Sarawak
- ✚ Hand over regulatory control of Animal Feed Additives/Premixes to DVS
 - ❖ Redundant as already controlled under this Act
 - ❖ Additives containing Scheduled Poison
 - Poisons Act 1952 – Poisons A Licence

FUTURE POLICIES: REGULATING CELLULAR & GENETIC THERAPY PRODUCTS (CGTPs)

- ✚ Formerly known as ATMPs or ATPs
 - ❖ Consist of Gene Therapy, Cell Therapy and Tissue Engineered Products
- ✚ NPCB - authority body in the regulatory control of CGTPs
 - ❖ Registration of CGTPs used for medicinal purposes
 - ❖ Licensing of facilities – GMP/GDP/GTP Requirements
 - Manufacturing
 - Storage
 - Practice

FUTURE POLICIES: REGULATING CELLULAR & GENETIC THERAPY PRODUCTS (CGTPs)

- ✚ Formation of TWG for CGTP on September 2012
 - ❖ Development of the regulatory framework of CGTPs
 - Definition
 - Criteria for Product Classification
 - Organisation of Application Dossier
 - Requirement for Quality Control
 - Clinical & Non-Clinical Requirements
 - Risk Management/Post Registration
 - Proposed Timeline: **4th Quarter 2013**
 - ❖ Consist of
 - Agencies under the Ministry of Health Malaysia
 - Academicians involved in cell research
 - Private sector

FUTURE POLICIES: REGULATING CELLULAR & GENETIC THERAPY PRODUCTS (CGTPs)

✚ Similar approach as USFDA - Products classified:

- ❖ Class 1 – Do not require registration
 - Minimally manipulated
 - Homologous use only
 - Not combined with drug, device or biologics
 - Does not have systemic effect with certain exemptions
- ❖ Class 2a – Require registration
 - Established cell therapies
 - Abbreviated data/documentation
- ❖ Class 2b - Require registration
 - Novel Cell and Gene Therapies
 - Complete Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls (CMC)³⁴

WAY FORWARD: REVIEW WORK PROCESSES

- ✚ Risk Based Approach to:
 - ❖ GMP Certification
 - ❖ Quality Control Testing
 - ❖ Post Market Surveillance
 - ❖ Research & Development
- ✚ Upgrading of Testing Facilities for Biologics
 - ❖ Lot Release of Imported Vaccines including laboratory testing
 - ❖ Quality control testing of Biosimilars eg EPO

WAY FORWARD: INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- ✚ Greater Focus on Collaboration with other NDRAs
 - ❖ MoU with HSA, Singapore – signed March 2012
 - ❖ Discussion/Talks with
 - SwissMedic
 - NADFC, Indonesia
 - KFDA
 - ❖ Joint GMP Audits
 - ❖ Joint/Collaboration - Evaluation of Dossiers
 - ❖ Shared Resources/Expertise



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