Reliance and strengthening of regulatory systems: the EMA and Article 58

Plenary 1 - Regulation in promoting Universal Health access and coverage

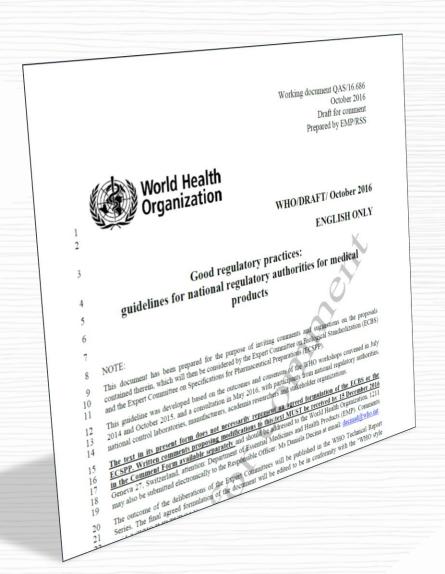
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WHAT DOES RELIANCE MEAN?

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The WHO Good Regulatory Practice draft guideline offers a helpful 2-step definition of reliance:

- take into account (partly or fully) assessment done by others
- retain responsibility for your own decision

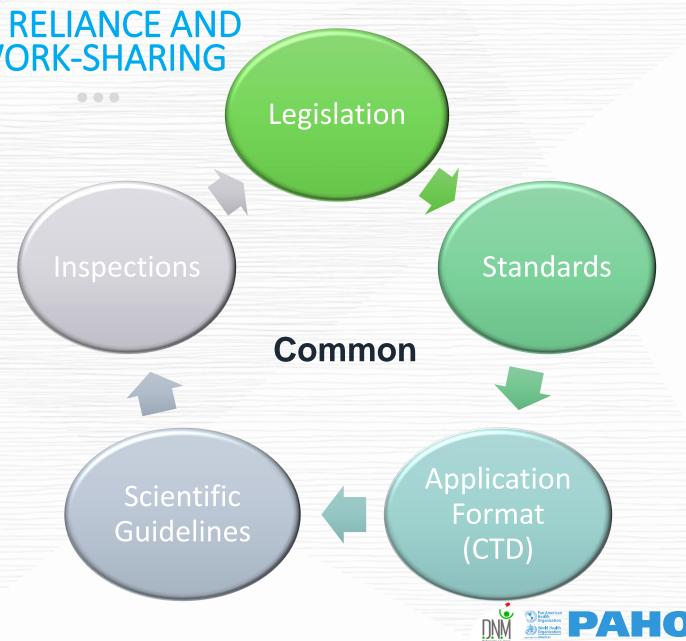
http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/quality_safety/quality_assu_rance/GoodRegulatory_PracticesPublicConsult.pdf





The EU regulatory system: a single system based on full transparency, reliance

and work-sharing

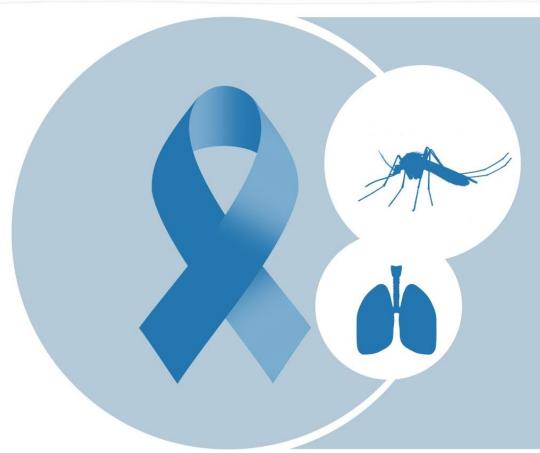


RELIANCE EXAMPLE #1: Article 58 Procedure ('EU-Medicines4all')

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- EMA assessment of quality, safety and efficacy of a medicine or vaccine intended for use only outside the EU
- Evaluation carried out with the WHO and relevant 'target' non-EU regulatory authorities
- Same standards and procedures as for medicines marketed in EU
- Benefit-risk assessment targeted at intended non-EU population and indication
- Licensing decision taken by non-EU regulators in countries where the medicine or vaccine will be used



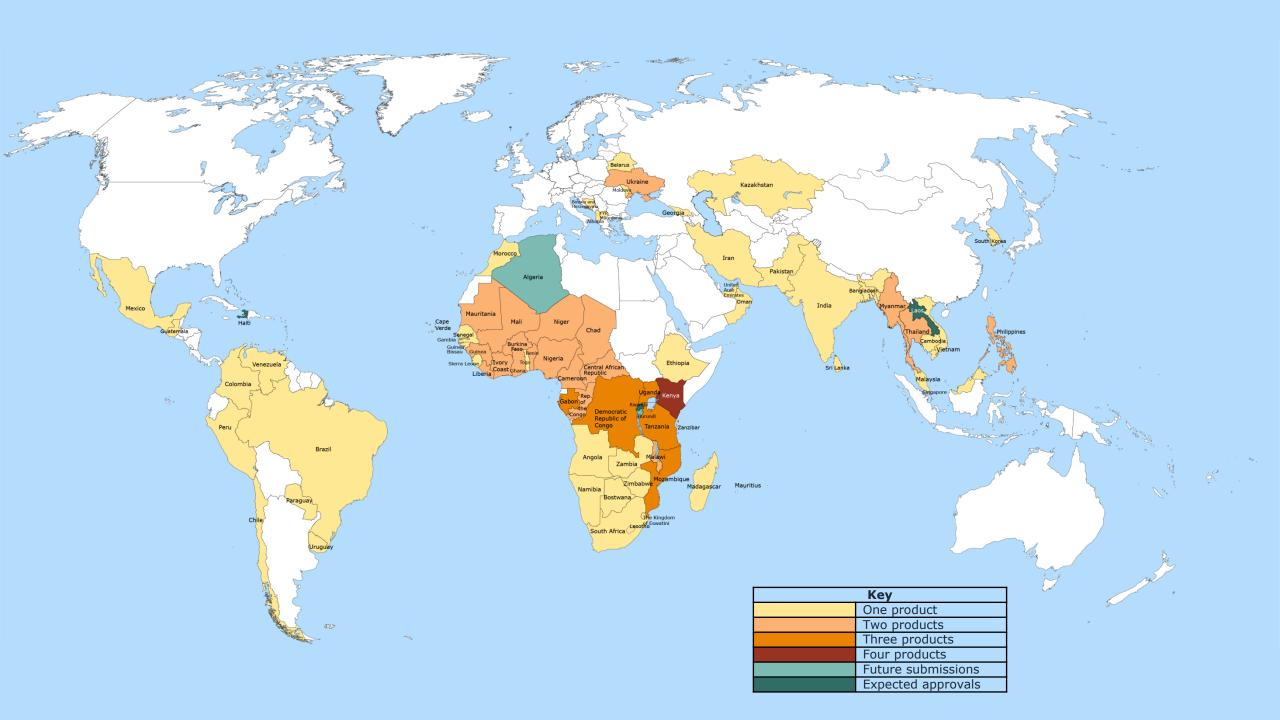
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Vaccines or medicines used to prevent or treat public health priority diseases:

- Vaccines used in the WHO Expanded Programme on Immunization;
- Medicines for protection against diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
- Products of global public health interest,
 (Innovative, chemicals and biologicals,
 biosimilars, vaccines and generics)





RELIANCE EXAMPLE #2: Pilot WHO-EMA WLA Collaborative Registration Procedure

- Another option for sponsors looking for LMIC NRA approval
- Collaborative Registration aimed at facilitating and accelerating national registration of products assessed and pre-qualified by WHO
- Extended to medicines authorised by WHO Listed Authorities and pilot with EMA launched end 2014

Objective:

- Accelerate national approval process in countries where resources may be limited, based on the assessment work already carried out by the WLA
- Allows participating national authorities to retain their regulatory responsibilities and make own decisions



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- 4 successful procedures + 2 ongoing
 (5 centrally-approved and one 'Article 58' product)
- Region-wide and single country reviews/approvals
- Products: HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, maternal and child health, haemophilia
- Participating NRAs commit to approval decision in defined timeframe
- Applicants must submit the same dossier
- Intentions to submit for another 2 products





Approvals granted in
Africa based on
pilot WHO-EMA
WLA collaborative
registration procedure



RELIANCE EXAMPLE #3: International Pharmaceutical Regulators Programme (IPRP)



Pilot launched July 2014

Uses EU decentralised procedure as model for sharing assessment reports during scientific assessment



Shared by the EU agencies in real time with the participating non-EU authorities:

- During assessment procedures for generics participating in the pilot
- Upon request from the company applying for marketing authorisation
- Receiving authorities benefit from the information in the EU assessments but maintain their own regulatory responsibilities for decision-making





RELIANCE ON ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND DECISIONS

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- In addition to established cooperation programs, regulators outside the EU often request/allow applicants to provide EU assessment reports, which are used or considered while assessing products in the receiving country
- The possibility for this can be included in legislation or guidelines of the receiving countries, some examples:
 - Australia
 - Canada
 - CARICOM
 - Egypt
 - Jordon
 - Kuwait

- Mexico
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Switzerland
- UAE



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- Can reliance, cooperation and collaboration work? YES!
- No agency can do everything by itself
- Regulation through reliance is both efficient and effective
- There are many practical examples that show that it works
- Benefits regulators, industry and ultimately public health
- It's not just about resources, but the way we work

BUT... does registration = access?



Gracias, Thank You

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