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Minutes – Ad hoc Executive Steering Group on Shortages and Safety of Medicinal Products (MSSG)

12 June 2026, 16:30 to 17:30 (CEST), TEAMS

MSSG Co-Chairs: Emer Cooke (EMA) and Karl Broich (HMA)

Item	Topics
1.	Welcome, declaration of interest and adoption of the agenda The HMA Co-Chair welcomed all members and experts to the meeting. EMA Co-Chair joined the meeting a little late. The MSSG secretariat reviewed the declaration of interests (DoIs) of members and experts in accordance with the Agency’s policy on handling of DoIs applicable to MSSG. The HMA Co-Chair announced that no competing interests were identified for this meeting. The agenda was adopted.
2.	Supply and availability of ifosfamide and cyclophosphamide • Overview of the current situation EMA provided an update on the ongoing critical shortages of ifosfamide and cyclophosphamide. This included: – Root cause of these shortages, – Engagement with the Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH), Baxter – Discussions with alternative suppliers in the EU and in third countries, – Ongoing discussions with US FDA and other international regulators. EMA noted that supply remains insufficient and unpredictable, with frequent and significant changes to supply forecast. • Presentation from Baxter and Q&A The MAH, Baxter, presented an update covering: – Current supply outlook,

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	– Key challenges in restoring normal supply, – Short and long-term mitigation measures including the possible use of common-language packaging, redistribution of available stock, batch-specific exemptions. Baxter confirmed that available stock is being distributed fairly, based on historical demand and contractual obligations. The company requested support from National Competent Authorities to grant language exemption authorisations to enable distribution of products with common language packaging. • Closed discussion and next steps The MSSG agreed on the following next steps: – Update MSSG recommendations to include specific recommendations to manufacturers – Implement a centralised approach to support manufacturing risk assessments. – Assure commitment to providing regulatory flexibilities where appropriate.
3.	AOB

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List of participants

List of participants including any restrictions with respect to involvement of members/alternates/experts following evaluation of declared interests for the 12 June 2026 ad hoc MSSG meeting, which was held virtually.

Name	Role	Member State or affiliation	Interest level of e-DoI
Karl Broich	Co-Chair	Germany	No interest declared
Emer Cooke	Co-Chair	EMA	No interest declared
Ott Laius	Member	Estonia	No interest declared
Ann Lindberg	Member	Sweden	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Katrina Luksa	Member	Latvia	No interest declared
Agnes Mathieu-Mendes	Member	EC	No interest declared
Linaz Mazeika	Member	Lithuania	No interest declared
Grainne Mary Power	Member	Ireland	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Rui Santos Ivo	Member	Portugal	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Anthony Serracino-Inglott	Member	Malta	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Günter Waxenecker	Member	Austria	No interest declared
Fabian Kurzemann	Member	Liechtenstein	No interest declared
Monica Dias	SPOC WP	EMA	No interest declared
Piera Polidori	HCPWP	EAHP (hospital pharmacist) and PGEU (community pharmacists)	No interest declared
Marta Marcelino	CMDh Chair	Portugal	No interest declared
Valdís Beck	Expert	Iceland	No interest declared
Charles Denonne	Expert	Belgium	No interest declared
Soňa Fundárková	Expert	Slovakia	No interest declared
Katrine Heier	Expert	Norway	No interest declared
Manuel Ibarra Lorente	Expert	Spain	No interest declared
Dag Jordbru	Expert	Norway	No interest declared

Roelie Marinus	Expert	Netherlands	No interest declared
Ellen McGrath	Expert	Ireland	No interest declared
Hanneke Mulder	Expert	Netherlands	No interest declared
Mateo Orešić	Expert	Croatia	No interest declared
Guillaume Renaud	Expert	France	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Patricia Rodriguez Molla	Expert	Spain	No restrictions applicable to this meeting
Nuno Simões	Expert	Portugal	No interest declared
Andreas Sundgren	Expert	Sweden	No interest declared
Melita Tovornik	Expert	Slovenia	No interest declared
Representatives from the European Commission attended the meeting.			
Representatives of Industry attended topic 2).			
Meeting run with the help of EMA staff.			