

# Signal Management – Industry viewpoint

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# 1. Experience

## Administrative burden is fast growing

- EPEC/GHK Impact assessment data 2010
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# EPEC/GHK Impact assessment data 2010 – Administrative burden

Source: GHK report,  
Standard Cost Model 2010

Submitting Variations to MAs  
EUR 134m p.a.

Applying for new MAs  
EUR 91m p.a.

Directives can  
add 32% to the  
administrative  
burden

Pharmacovigilance  
EUR 59m p.a.

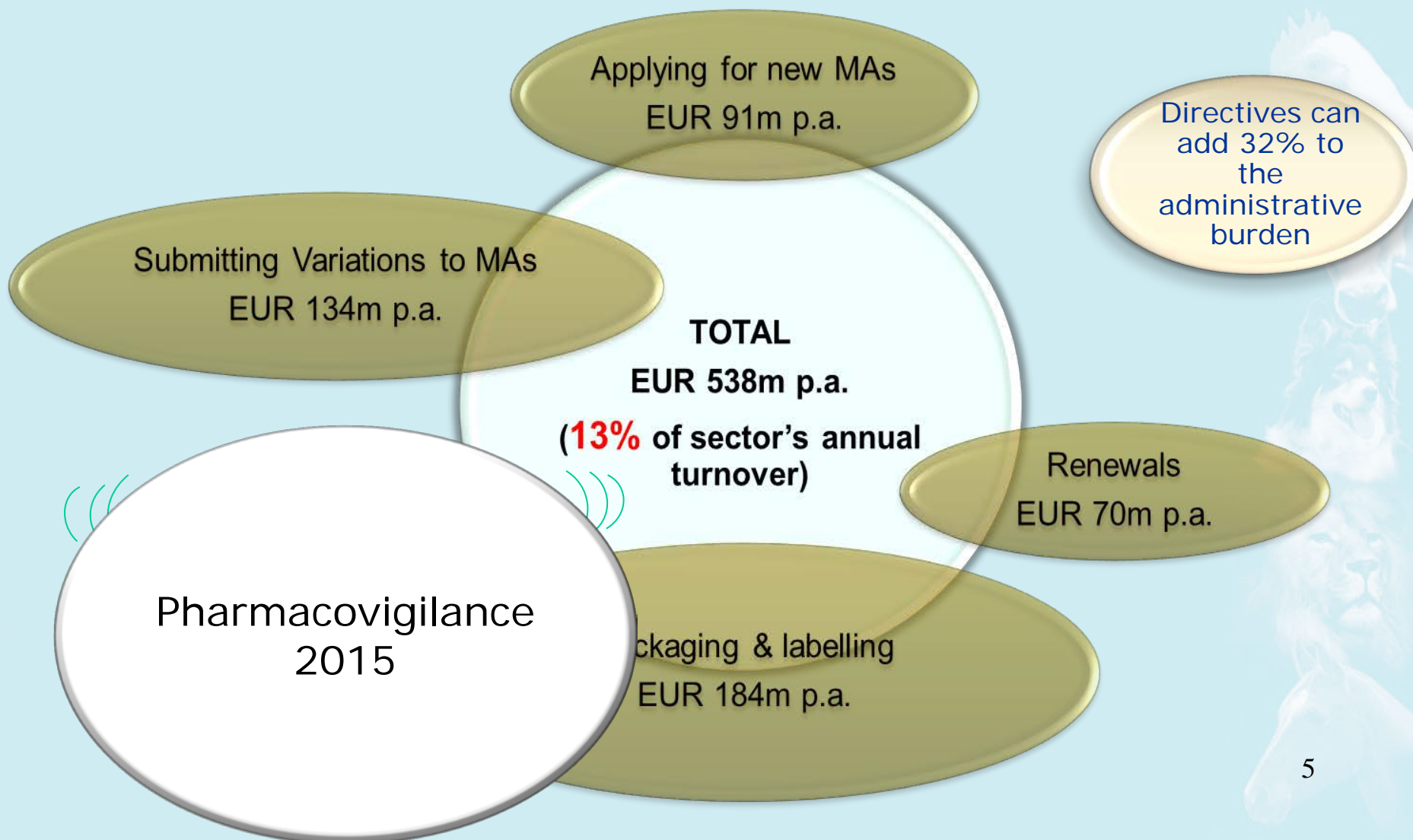
**TOTAL**  
**EUR 538m p.a.**

**(13% of sector's annual  
turnover)**

Renewals  
EUR 70m p.a.

Packaging & labelling  
EUR 184m p.a.

# EPEC/GHK Impact assessment data 2015 – Administrative burden



# EPEC/GHK Impact assessment data 2010 – what's missing? 1/2

## Included in the calculation (Standard Cost Model - SCM):

- AE reporting
- Serious AE reporting
- PSURs
- For 300 companies and using the same cost/hour

## What's missing?

- **PhV Data-base** - substantial costs for:
  - set up
  - validation
  - maintenance
  - updates for new requirements/tools (e.g. statistical tools for signal management)
  - Capacity for increased numbers of cases
    - increased reporting
      - VMD (UK) reports a doubling of volumes
      - Time spent by company personnel (field reps and technical services staff)
    - increasing geographical scope, new country requirements
  - Either
    - full time internal IT support or
    - user-license fees and maintenance fees
  - Increased PhV resource requirement
  - Access to literature databases

# EPEC/GHK Impact assessment data 2010 – what's missing? 2/2

## More...

- **Activities**
  - Inspections and audits – costs of personnel, time, flights/hotels etc for auditors
  - Training: cost and time for QPPV and staff
  - Increased PhV resources requirement
- **Documentation**
  - Written Procedures: Detailed Description of Pharmacovigilance System (DDPS)/SOPs/Forms/etc.
  - Contracts: PhV exchange agreements with distributors etc.
- **Costs**
  - Change of Qualified Person PhV (QPPV) or DDPS – Variations
  - Accounts staff – payment of invoices





# IFAH-Europe impact assessment data package, estimated 2010

Summary of days per annum (& FTEs) attributed to pharmacovigilance tasks

Main task	Estimated total days per year
1. Detailed description of the pharmacovigilance system	48
2. DB management	120
3. Inspections	30
4. Case handling (AE and serious AE)	250
5. Prepare PSURs	500 (50 PSURs)
<b>Total days p.a. (FTEs)</b>	<b>948 (4.3)</b>
<b>Cost for average company</b>	<b>€803,000</b>
<b>Cost for 300 companies</b>	<b>€240 million</b>

**Nearly  
50% of  
SCM\***

**It is urgent to tackle this together and cut this figure down!**



# 1. Experience

Very small % of PSURs lead to regulatory action

- Only 6% for CP
- Overall <<6% and probably <1%

**i.e. >99% of PSURs are generated and assessed without triggering regulatory action**



# 1. Experience

- Experience from Human sector:  
→ Signal detection and PSURs systems in parallel is huge burden



## 2. Objectives of the new legislation for VMPs

### Objectives of the new legislation

- Reduce administrative burden
- Efficient and effective system

→ Will bring benefits for both MAHs and Authorities

### Proposal from the Commission

- Move from routine **P**SURs(\*) to Signal Management
- Industry is very supportive
- Big concern from Authorities on reporting in the future  
but Signal Management includes reporting (see next slide)

### Note:

(\*) **P** stands for periodic



### 3. Signal Management

#### What is Signal Management?

Signal Management is a system covering:

- Signal detection
- Signal validation
- Signal confirmation
- Signal analysis and prioritisation
- Signal assessment
- Actions
- *Reporting*

→ *Reporting yes but Risk-based reporting!*



## 4. Future vision

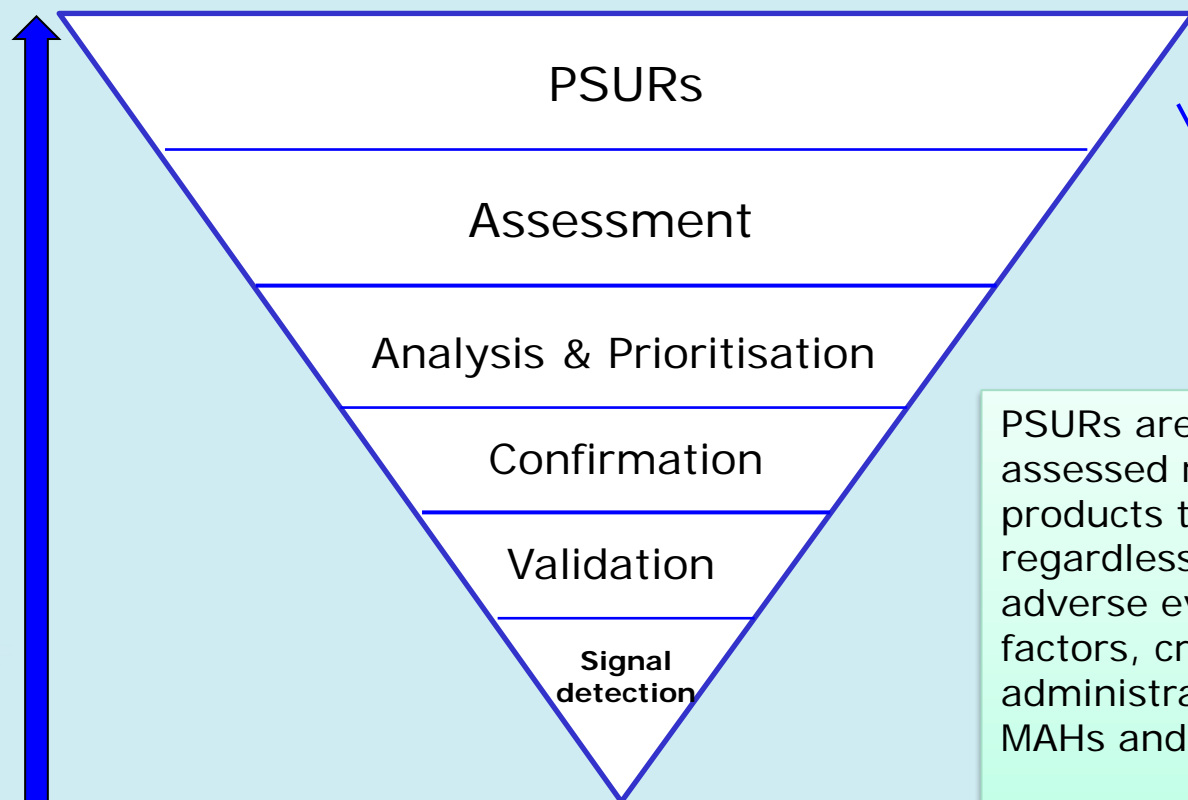
### FUTURE VISION

- Future Regulation: high level – no details
- Details in the implementing acts
- Change of emphasis:
  - Signal Management system
    - ✓ Risk-based evaluation
    - ✓ Risk-based reporting



## Change of emphasis

TODAY: periodic reporting = significant administrative burden & not targeted approach

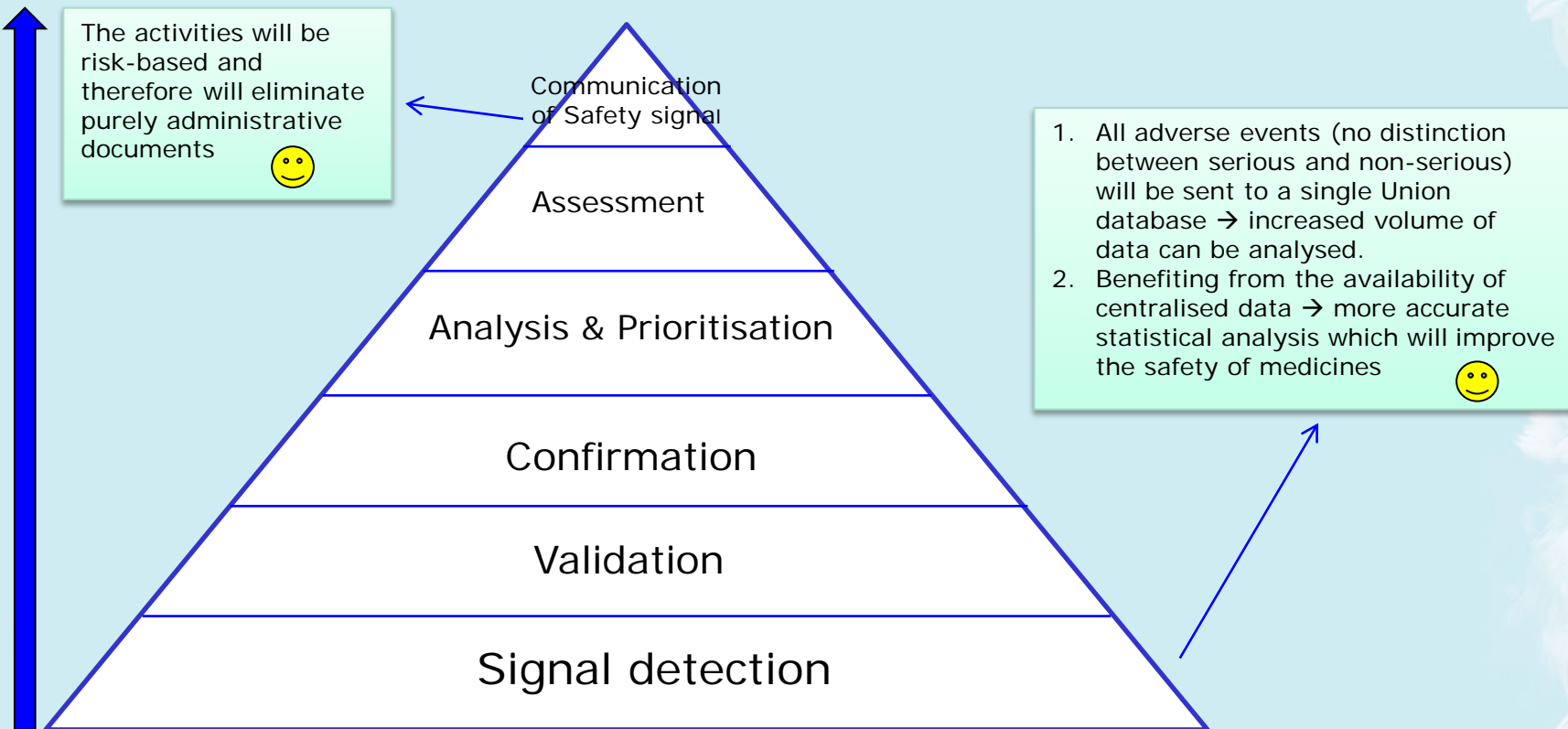


PSURs are produced and assessed routinely for all products to the same cycle regardless of sales, number of adverse events or other risk factors, creating a significant administrative burden on both MAHs and Regulators.



# Change of emphasis

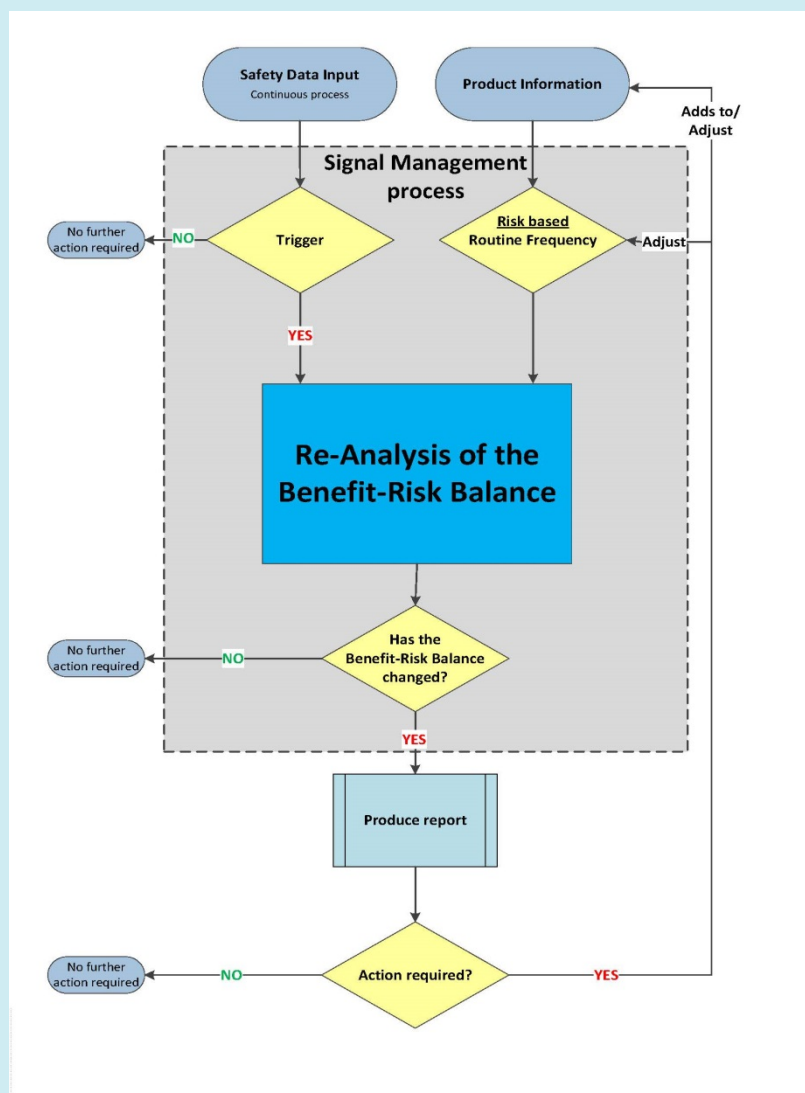
TOMORROW: Signal management process = RISK – BASED surveillance\*



\* The adoption of risk-based surveillance will result in efficient utilisation of limited PhV resources of both regulators and MAHs while at the same time increasing focus on areas where significant changes in benefit-risk balance are most likely to occur. Hence, facilitating most rapid/effective mitigation of significant risks.



## 4. Future vision



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### Industry supports:

- Risk-based; focussed; no administrative reporting
- Single EU PhV database
  - ✓ one point of data entry; (no national databases)
- Signal management process
  - ✓ Signal detection, follow-up
  - ✓ Risk-based evaluation
  - ✓ Risk-based reporting

### Industry does not want:

- Signal management + other systems running in parallel



## 5. Proposals

### What is needed?

- COM proposal: Dialogue with MAH during signalling and trending and before action is taken → WIN-WIN
- Work together on developing the future system to ensure
  - Minimisation of administrative burden
  - needs of all stakeholders are addressed
  - all opportunities for increased efficiency are taken
  - can evolve with new technologies/approaches  
→ WIN-WIN
- Retain compatibility with VICH / global PhV vision
  - Definitions – need for global harmonisation
  - Open regulatory framework



**Thank you for your attention!**

