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## HMPC meeting report on European Union herbal monographs, guidelines and other activities

The 76<sup>th</sup> HMPC meeting, held on 29-30 May 2017

The Chair of the Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC) welcomed all delegates and experts to the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee including Malin Söderberg as new alternate for Sweden.

The full composition of the Committee can be found here:

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/contacts/2010/02/people\\_listing\\_000006.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac0580028e7e](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/contacts/2010/02/people_listing_000006.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac0580028e7e)

### Revised European Union herbal monographs

Upon recommendation from the MLWP, the HMPC adopted after systematic review the following **final revised** EU herbal monographs and supporting documents:

- Revised EU herbal monograph on Absinthii herba
- Revised EU herbal monograph on Echinaceae purpureae radix
- Revised EU herbal monograph on Vitis viniferae folium

The revised monographs together with the supporting documents will be published on the European Medicines Agency's website at:

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/herbal\\_search.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001fa1d](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/herbal_search.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001fa1d)

### Quality Drafting Group (Q DG)

The HMPC noted a report on the Q DG meeting held on 20 April 2017.

The DG Chair highlighted the continued thorough revision of the herbal specification guideline. The DG had also developed and distributed a questionnaire to all HMPC members as a first step to reconsider available guidance on markers. Further topics were the reflection paper on new analytical methods, coordination activities with EDQM such as on the analysis of pyrrolizidine alkaloids and the preparation of an assessors training in December 2017.

The next meeting of the Q DG will be held on 28 June 2017.



## **Organisational Matters Drafting Group (ORGAM DG)**

The HMPC noted a report on the ORGAM DG meeting held on 5 April 2017.

The new ORGAM Chair reported on the status of the revision of the HMPC procedure on review and revision of EU herbal monographs. Main principles were agreed to finalise the revised procedure.

The next meeting of the DG ORGAM is scheduled for 27 June 2017.

## **Report from the May/June 2017 meeting of the Working Party on European Union Monographs and List (MLWP)**

The MLWP held its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting at the European Medicines Agency on 30 May - 01 June 2017.

### **New monographs - finalisation**

The working party continued the discussion on the assessment of *Piperis methystici rhizoma* and comments received on the draft public statement.

### **New monographs - drafts**

Following peer review, the MLWP re-discussed the documents for *Fragariae folium*. The documents on *Malvae folium* and *Malvae silvestris flos* were referred to the peer reviewer to allow the possible transfer to the HMPC in September 2017 for release for public consultation.

### **Monograph review and revisions - finalisation**

Upon HMPC request, the MLWP re-discussed, changed and endorsed the revised documents for *Pelargonii radix* for peer review and transfer to the HMPC in July 2017 for possible final adoption.

The working party also finalised the revision of the documents on *Cimicifugae rhizoma* for peer review and transfer to the HMPC in July 2017 for possible final adoption.

### **Monograph review and revisions - drafts**

Upon HMPC request, the MLWP reviewed and finalised the documents for *Sennae folium* and *Sennae fructus* for peer review and possible adoption for release for public consultation by the HMPC in July 2017.

Following revised documents were considered complete for peer review and transfer to the HMPC for adoption for release for public consultation: *Menthae piperitae aetheroleum*, *Hyperici herba* (traditional use) and *Hederae heliis folium*.

The MLWP continued the systematic review of *Sambuci flos*, *Verbasci flos*, *Valerianae radix/Lupuli flos*, *Curcumae longae rhizoma* and *Rusci aculeati rhizoma*.

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