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Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC)

Opinion of the HMPC on a European Union herbal monograph on *Prunus avium* L.; *Prunus cerasus* L., peduncle

Opinion

The HMPC, in accordance with Article 16h(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC and as set out in the appended assessment report, establishes, by a majority of 23 out of 25 votes a European Union herbal monograph on *Prunus avium* L.; *Prunus cerasus* L., peduncle which is set out in Annex I.

The divergent positions are appended to this opinion.

The Norwegian HMPC member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the HMPC.

This opinion is forwarded to Member States and Norway, together with its Annex I and appendix.

The European Union herbal monograph and assessment report will be published on the European Medicines Agency website.

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Annex I: European Union herbal monograph (EMA/HMPC/379866/2023)

Appendix I: Assessment report (EMA/HMPC/379865/2023)

Appendix II: Divergent positions

The members of the HMPC mentioned below did not agree with the HMPC's opinion for the following reasons:

We do not agree with the AR and monograph on *Prunus avium* L.; *Prunus cerasus* L., peduncle.

Reason:

The divergent opinion is based on the lack of data on the tradition of the described preparation and the related lack of data to substantiate the indication.

There are no data available to meet the requirements of Directive 2001/83/EC (Article 16a(1)(d) in conjunction with Article 16c(1)(c) ["... that the medicinal product in question, or a corresponding product has been in medicinal use throughout a period of at least 30 years preceding the date of the application, including at least 15 years within the Community.."]) with regard to the use in the Community.

There are no products on the European market in which the described preparation has been used for medicinal purposes for 30 years. Use as food supplement cannot be taken as basis for medicinal use, since the health claims (e.g., "... contribute to the normal functioning of the urinary system") do not cover medicinal use.

Bibliographic data cannot be used to meet the requirements of Article 16a(1) either.

Jacqueline Wiesner, HMPC member from Germany

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We do not agree with the assessment report and the monograph on "*Prunus avium* L.; *Prunus cerasus* L., peduncle" (Pruni pedunculus; Pruni avii pedunculus vel Pruni cerasi pedunculus).

Reason:

The divergent opinion is based on the lack of data on the tradition of the described preparation and the related lack of data to substantiate the indication.

There are no products on the European market in which the described preparation has been used for medicinal purposes for the period of time required by European regulations. Food supplement products cannot be taken as the basis for medicinal use, as such use cannot be attributed to these products, nor can a property of preventing, treating, or curing human diseases. Bibliographic data cannot be used to replace missing data either.

Jaroslav Tóth, HMPC alternate from Slovakia

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