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THE EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use as amended and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1768/92, Directive 2001/20/EC, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004[1],

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency[2],

Having regard to the application submitted by LETI Pharma GmbH on 19 June 2009 under Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 18 September 2009 in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended,

Having regard to Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended,

WHEREAS:

(1) The Paediatric Committee has given an opinion on the refusal of a product specific waiver,

(2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a Decision refusing a waiver.

[1] OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1
[2] OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

A waiver for aluminium hydroxide adsorbed, depigmented glutaraldehyde polymerized allergic extract of birch pollen, suspension for injection (multidose vial), subcutaneous use, the details of which are set out in the Opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices, is hereby refused.

Article 2

This decision is addressed to LETI Pharma GmbH, Stockumer Str. 28, Witten, 58453, Germany.

Done at London, 30 October 2009

For the European Medicines Agency
Thomas Lönngren
Executive Director

(Signature on file)

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OPINION OF THE PAEDIATRIC COMMITTEE ON THE REFUSAL OF A PRODUCT-SPECIFIC WAIVER

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):
Aluminium hydroxide adsorbed, depigmented glutaraldehyde polymerized allergic extract of birch pollen

Condition(s):
Allergic rhinitis
Allergic rhinoconjunctivitis due to pollen

Pharmaceutical form(s):
Suspension for injection (multidose vial)

Route(s) of administration:
Subcutaneous use

Name/corporate name of the waiver applicant:
LETI Pharma GmbH

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, LETI Pharma GmbH submitted to the EMEA on 19 June 2009 an application for a product-specific waiver on the grounds set out in Article 11 of said Regulation for the above mentioned medicinal product.

The procedure started on 23 July 2009.

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Opinion

1. The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the waiver application in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report, to refuse the granting of a product-specific waiver for all subsets of the paediatric population and the above mentioned condition(s) as it does not meet the grounds detailed in Article 11(1) of said Regulation.

The Icelandic and the Norwegian Paediatric Committee members agree with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

2. The scientific conclusions and the grounds for refusal are set out in the summary report appended to this opinion.

3. The grounds for refusal are summarised in Annex I.

This opinion is forwarded to the applicant and the Executive Director of the Agency, together with its annex and appendix.

London, 18 September 2009

On behalf of the Paediatric Committee
Dr Daniel Brasseur, Chairman

(Signature on file)

ANNEX I
GROUNDS FOR THE REFUSAL OF THE WAIVER

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The waiver is refused for the following:

- **Conditions**

  Allergic rhinitis
  Allergic rhinoconjunctivitis due to pollen

  The request for the waiver applies to:

  – children and adolescents from 5 to less than 18 years;
  – for suspension for injection (multidose vial), subcutaneous use,

  as the waiver request does not provide evidence to support the following grounds set out in Article 11(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 that:

  (a) the specific medicinal product is likely to be ineffective or unsafe in part or all of the paediatric population;
  (b) the disease or condition for which the specific medicinal product is intended occurs only in adult populations;
  (c) the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments for paediatric patients,

  because:

  – measures would be justified by the expected therapeutic benefit and clinical trials may be feasible;
  – clinical studies may fulfil a therapeutic need of the paediatric population.