

The Concerns of the Homeopathy Profession in Relation to Homeopathic Medicines in Europe

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Introduction to ECCH

ECCH is the representative European platform for homeopathy practitioners who are not already statutorily regulated healthcare professionals.

ECCH represents a European wide emergent profession of homeopaths.

Our aim is encourage a similar high standard of practice across Europe in the interest of good patient care.



Introduction to ECCH

- Established in 1990
- 27 Professional Associations
- 23 Countries, EU, EEA, CEE
- Secretariat in the UK
- 4 Part-time paid consultant workers
- Range of policy documents
- Pharmacy committee & expert advice



Introduction to ECCH

- CoE NGO Participatory Status
- Member European Public Health Alliance
- Corresponding member of ECHAMP
 - member of the nosodes WG
- Responded to WHO & HMPWG on recent draft documents



Homeopathic Medicines

- Used safely for decades
- Standard production methods lead to safe products
- No known unsafe product reports
- Prescribed based on data gained from provings and clinical use
- Consistency in source materials
- Full range of all medicines needed for effective professional practice



HMPs -Our Concerns

Loss of access to necessary HMPs in Member States due to the imposition of unnecessary and excessive requirements that are inappropriate for homeopathic medicinal products
e.g. Germany, Netherlands



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Hundreds of single HMPs no longer
registered and available

Practitioners now purchase them from
other countries



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The two categories of most concern where remedies are being lost to practitioners through manufacturers stopping them:

- seldom used remedies
 - < excessive paperwork + costs
- nosodes
 - < excessive safety requirements



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Excessive safety requirements

- Application of GACP- and GMP-Guidelines
- Stability of intermediate potencies
- Application of blood donation and organ donation requirements to nosodes of human origin
- Requirements for freedom of pathogenic agents of source materials
- Lack of differentiation of the needs for low and high potencies



HMPs -Some Answers

Greater understanding of homeopathy and homeopathic pharmacy by authorities.

Irrespective of source substance:

Safety by serial multi-glass dilution alone for

- all single medicines above a certain potency

For all source substances:

Safety of lower potencies

- on a case by case basis



HMPs -Our Answers

Thank you
for listening



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