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# Fee system of the European Medicines Agency

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Ensuring long-term sustainability

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## Scope of the presentation

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- To present the reasons for changing the current fee system
- To propose a model which takes account the objectives identified by the EMA
- To discuss the objectives for a future fee system



# Drivers for change

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1. Result of Ernst & Young Evaluation on fees
2. Fee regulation requires evaluation of its implementation
3. Recent and anticipated changes in legislative and regulatory environment



# 1. Result of Ernst & Young Evaluation on fees

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- Stakeholders recognise the economic interest of centralised procedure
- Overall the fees compare favourably with other regulatory agencies
- EMA's income is vulnerability due to its high dependency on fees from applications



# 1. Result of Ernst & Young Evaluation on fees *(cont.)*

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- Stakeholders consider that:
  - Fee structure could be simplified
  - Certain applicants and product groups require special attention
- Sustainability of resources from the European network questioned as certain procedures are currently non-fee attracting



## 2. Fee regulation requires evaluation of implementation

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The 3rd paragraph of Article 12 states:

*“By 24 November 2010, the Commission shall present a report on its [the Fee Regulations] implementation to the Council ...”*



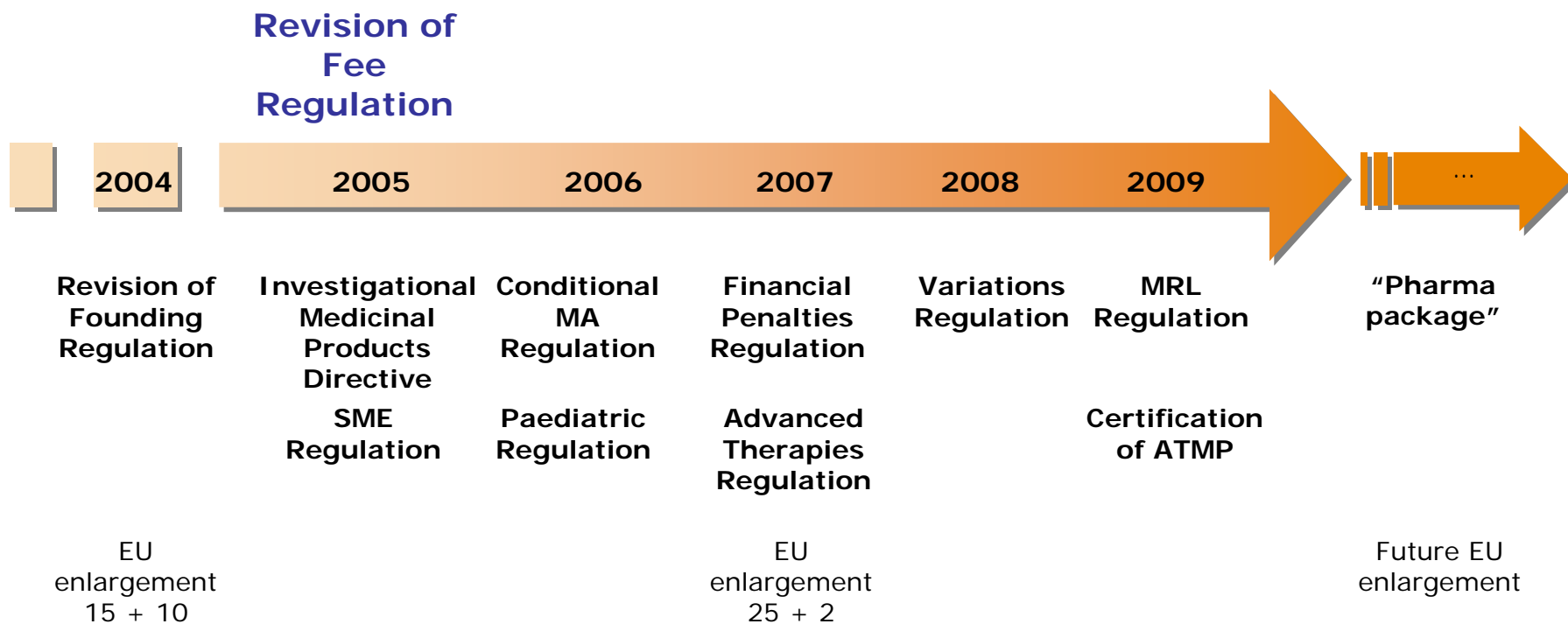
### 3. Recent and anticipated changes in legislative and regulatory environment

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- New tasks resulting from changes in pharmaceutical legislation since 2005
- Legislative proposals under discussion include introduction of new types of fees



# 3. Recent and anticipated changes in legislative and regulatory environment (cont.)





# EMA's reflection on current fee system

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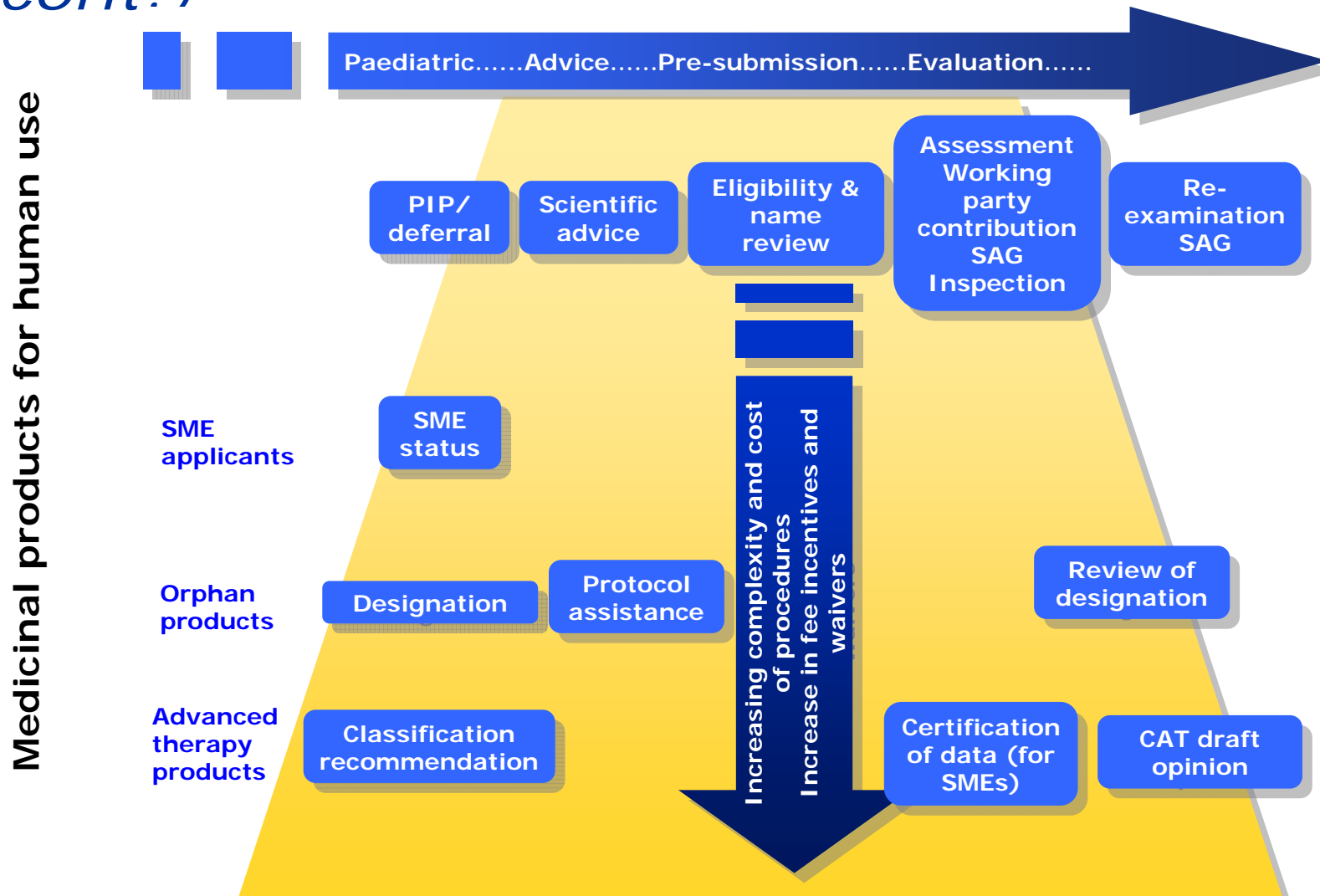
## EMA's reflection on current fee system

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- Overall fees and EU contribution finance EMA's activities
- Balance between fee and level of service for certain activities no longer provided
- Complexity of fees has increased over the years leading to high administrative burden for the pharmaceutical industry, NCAs and EMA (currently 131 different types of fees)
- Limited flexibility in introducing and adapting fees to a changing legislative and regulatory environment



# EMA's reflection on current fee system (cont.)





# Model – overall concept

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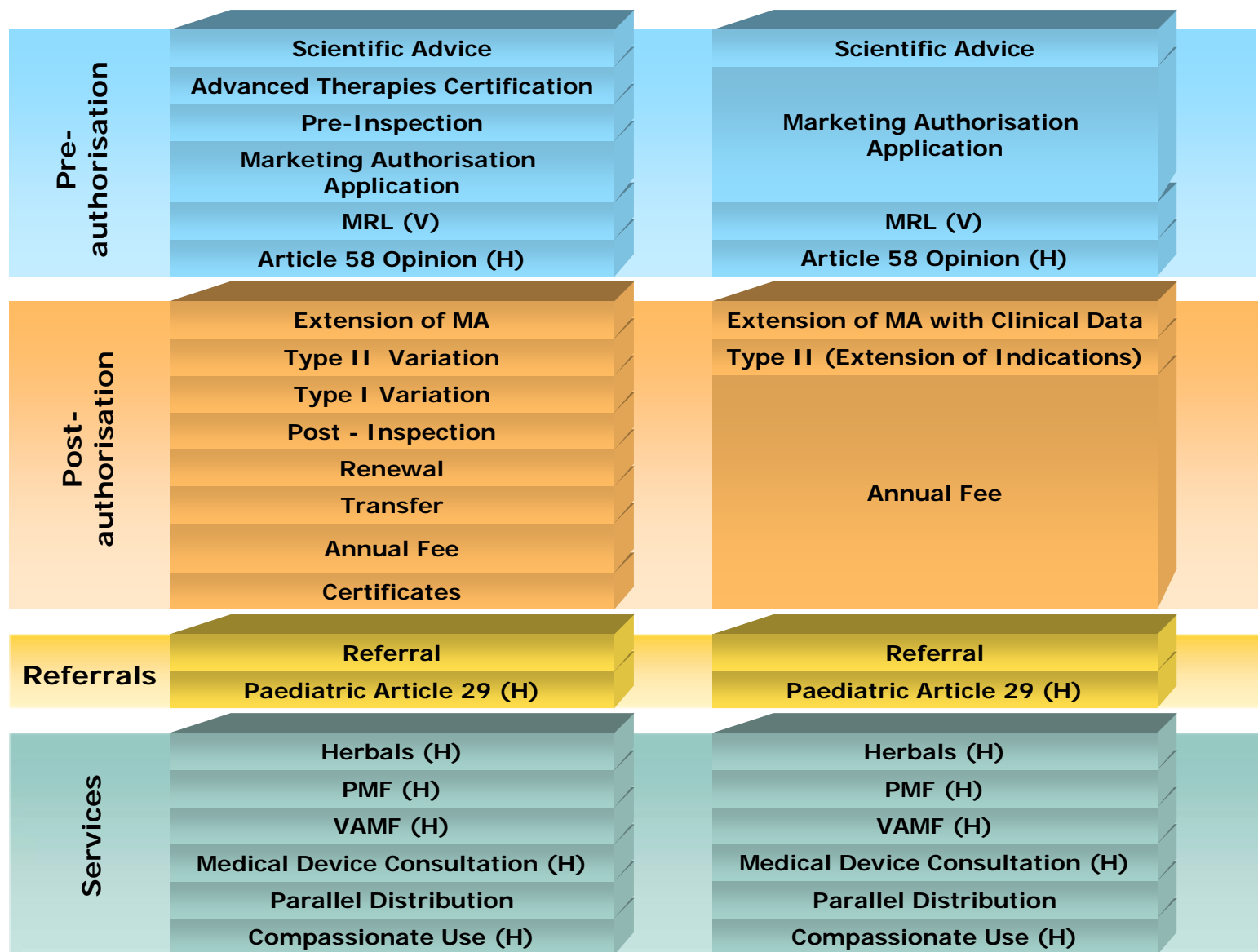
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- To allow compensation for services provided by the NCAs, including for those that are currently not remunerated
- To maintain lower fee levels and incentives for certain types of applicants and products
- To allow cost of future additional activities to be incorporated
- To simplify the EMA's fee structure



### Current model

### Proposed model





# Pre-authorisation

## Current model



## Proposed model

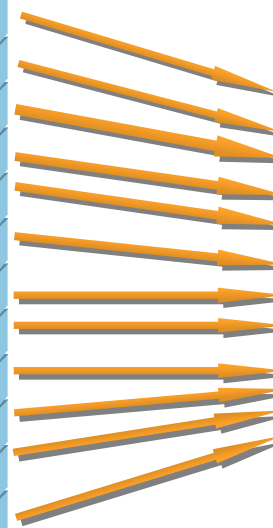
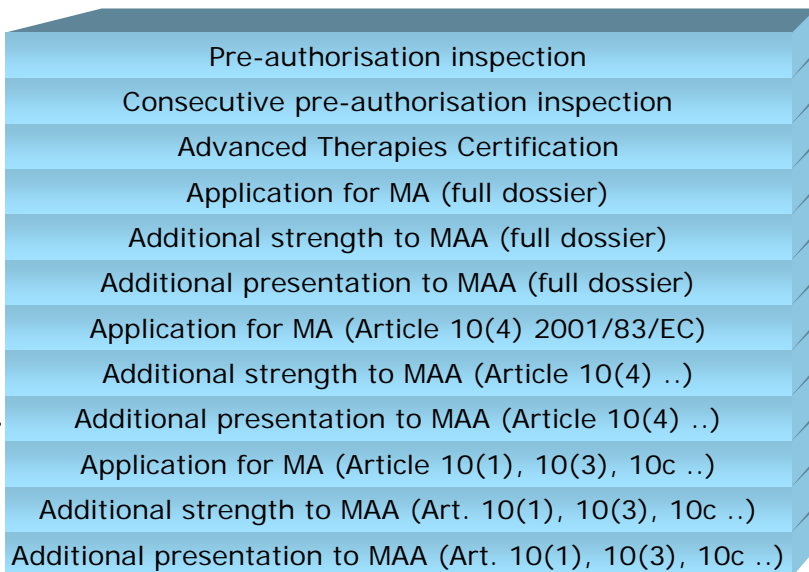




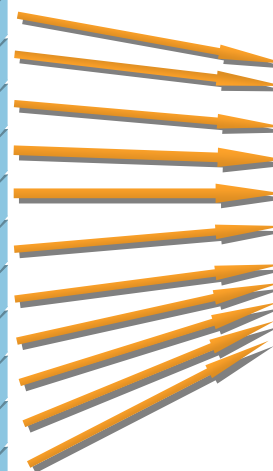
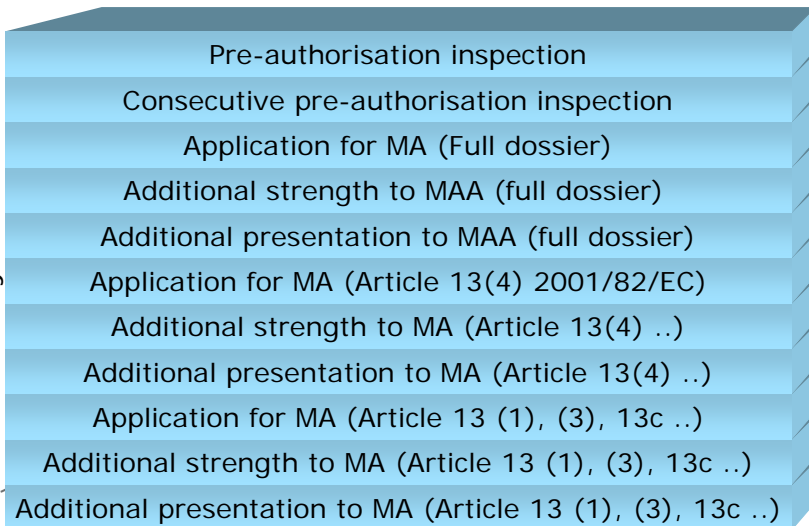
## Current model

## Proposed model

Medicinal products for human use



Veterinary medicines





# Objectives for a future fee system

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- Ensure sustainability
- Introduce adaptability
- Reduce complexity



# Sustainability

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- Provide for realistic funding and take account of all EMA public health responsibilities
- Compensate for differences in procedures due to their inherent variability
- Maintain fee system as major source of income for EMA



# Adaptability

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- Adaptability to a changing environment including ongoing or new pharmaceutical legislation
- Model remains flexible enough to accommodate different product types



# Complexity

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- Potential 3-fold-reduction in total number of fee types:
  - Administrative simplification for all involved parties
  - Increased transparency
- Simplify fee incentives whilst maintaining overall value of incentives for pharmaceutical industry



## In conclusion ...

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What do we seek to achieve?

- A better system for the partners in the network
- A better system for the pharmaceutical industry
- A better system for the European Medicines Agency



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Thank you very much for  
your attention