

# **EMA Brexit Interested Parties Meeting**

## **Joint Industry Presentation – BREXIT**

Industry Stakeholder meeting on Brexit and operation of the centralised procedure for human medicinal products

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**This is a joint industry presentation on behalf  
of the trade associations shown**



# One year post Article 50 notice by UK – have we made enough agreement on progress to secure medicines?

## Focus on Day 1 issues and Post-Brexit future

- ❑ Consistent call for continued regulatory collaboration and alignment EU-27 and UK
  
- ❑ Focus on Supply Chain challenges
  - Business Continuity Planning
  - EMA survey
  
- ❑ Post-Brexit:
  - Future arrangements and detailed Day 1 requirements

# Recapping 2017: clarity on several practical issues, significant challenges remain – ‘no-deal’ scenario limitations



- Further discussions on practical/operational issues needed** in order to ensure a pragmatic approach and ways to simplify where possible to manage the significant impact on the regulatory framework
- Political agreement on **Transitional/implementation period** welcome in giving further time to implement (permanent) changes, with significant impact on resources and legal implications
- The importance of securing **ongoing cooperation** between the UK and EU on medicines as part of the negotiations to agree a new relationship between the UK and the EU

# Life Science Industry Continuity Planning – ensuring business continuity in short term

- ❑ Trade associations are advising member companies to proceed with business continuity planning according to the published Q&A and practical guidance documents:
  - Regulatory
  - Trade and supply
  - Clinical trials
  - Workforce
  
- ❑ Companies are expending significant efforts and resources on Brexit-related continuity planning and implementation, which requires detailed planning with implications going beyond the EU and UK, impacting the global supply chains and patient access
  
- ❑ Company specific discussions with EMA, following the survey, to allow for understanding complexities and insights into products specific planning.

# Life Science Industry Coalition Position paper

Joint trade association advocacy focused on ensuring draft guidelines for phase two negotiations reference the need to cooperate on medicine regulation and supply.

- ❑ **Transition/implementation period.** Transition critical to ensuring companies, national competent authorities and the EMA can deliver necessary changes so patients continue to access medicines
- ❑ **Regulatory cooperation.** Close cooperation in the regulation of medicines is essential.
- ❑ **People.** The life sciences workforce, should be protected by a solid citizens' rights agreement.
- ❑ **Trade.** Ensure that medicines can continue to move between both regions.



# European Health Community support future UK-EU Cooperation



## Priorities for European Health Community:

- Close cooperation between the EU and UK on the regulation of medicines and medical technologies
- Strong coordination on public health, including in pandemic preparation and disease prevention programmes
- A common framework for collaboration in research and information sharing
- Continued reciprocal healthcare arrangements between the EU and UK.
- Ensure EU and UK health professionals continue to benefit from mutually beneficial training and education opportunities, with automatic recognition of qualifications

# Support future UK-EU Cooperation

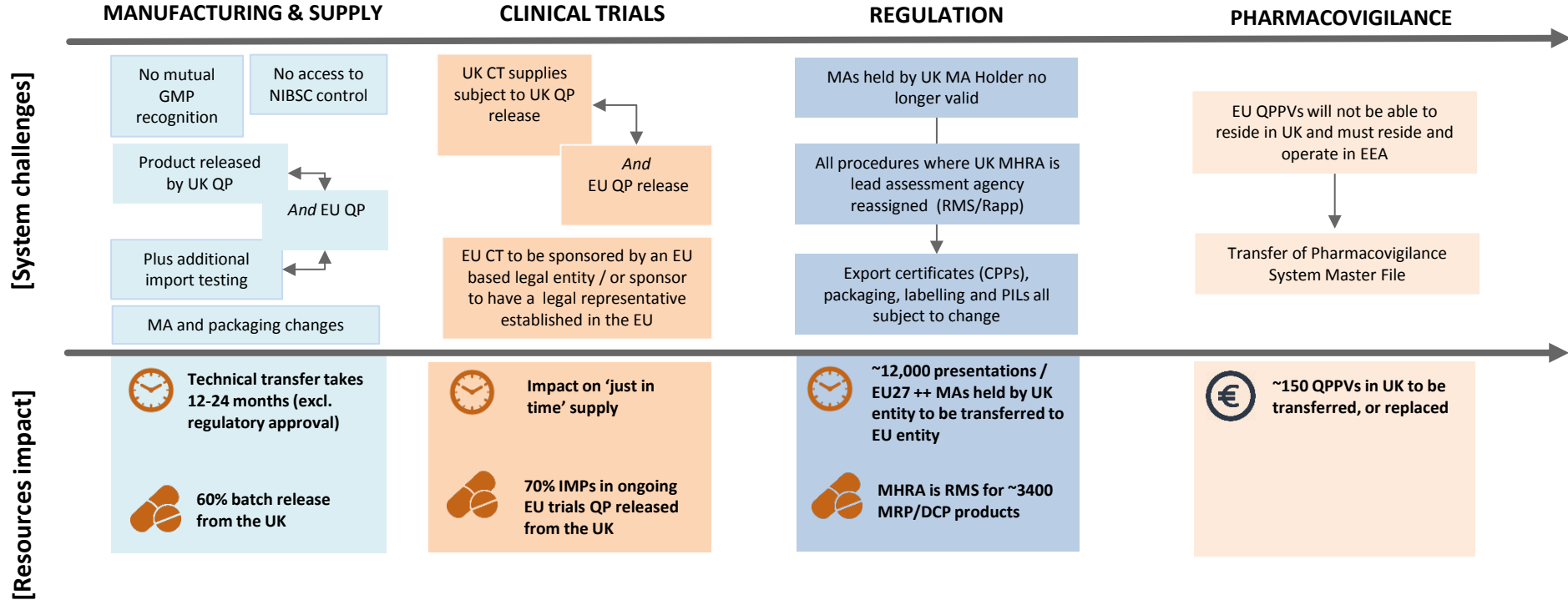


## Interventions from a range of coalitions and organisations including:

- Joint Health Stakeholders and patient groups outlining key questions of concern. Summit on 21 February (published on 8 March)
- Joint letter from 11 medical research charities calling on negotiators to ‘put patients first’ (published on 14 March)
- Ongoing joint trade association meetings with EU institutions.



# Main challenges for EU Regulatory Framework: required changes in case of 'no-deal' scenario and related resources



# A challenging year ahead – continue collaboration/dialogue to minimize resources impact

- ❑ Transition period: need for clear understanding of implications for EU regulatory system, role of UK, and MAHs
- ❑ Communication resources HMA/CMDh, EMA and MHRA: performance and delivery by the EU regulatory network
- ❑ Company specific product portfolio dialogue on BREXIT preparedness with EMA and CMDh/HMA
- ❑ Post-Brexit future arrangements :
  - Exploration of all options for future regulatory and trade relationship between the UK and EU
  - Exploration of (extended) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in the event of a Free Trade Deal

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