




# Regulatory Science Strategy and European medicines agencies network strategy to 2025

## Industry Perspective

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## Key points for success

Industry fully supports both the

- Regulatory Science Strategy (RSS) and
- European Medicines Network strategy to 2025

Both represent significant opportunities

- for innovation and
- to improve and accelerate medicines availability with the right collaboration

However

- We must avoid approaches that can limit innovation
- We must not lose sight of important benefits when considering risks e.g. to the environment



## Benefit/Risk (B/R) is critical

A key factor in success of the regulatory science strategy  
Industry will fully engage with new B/R guidance

- Developmental guidance and dialogue will be critical (ITF/SA/Vet PRIME/other)
- Balance risks from unknowns at licensure with potential product benefits
- Avoid hazard-based approach
- Avoid academic based “nice to have” requirements and establish minimum requirements to determine if positive benefit/risk



## Benefit/Risk (B/R) is critical

- Environmental aspects, as well as AMR, are critical
- We need expansion on indirect (additional) benefits  
(3Rs, Animal welfare, food sustainability, ATAs)

### Understand key aspects of B/R in the current climate

(AMR (esp for new approaches), Environmental risk)

- No undue restriction on interpretations of when data protection for new studies can apply
- We need incentives and support not hurdles
  - new projects for EU are already abandoned, or EU is left out due to perceived B/R assessment





## Embedding 3Rs principles

- Industry see the 3Rs and animal welfare as important
- The EU is already leading the way
- It is positive that this is a major part of the RSS

### However

- Innovation is needed in regulatory approach as well as science to realise benefits
- We need to ensure that 3Rs and animal welfare legislation don't negatively impact product development & registration
- This is closely linked to revision of SPC claim guidance
  - Positive examples with welfare statements (Improvac, Exzolt)
  - Welfare claims/approaches can improve product benefits/value



## Responsible use and alternatives

- Industry fully supports responsible use
- Much innovation could come in the form of novel antimicrobial approaches or alternative approaches
  - Products that enhance health/immune system
  - Indirect benefit claims (SPC claim GL revision)
  - Biological products with antimicrobial effect
- Work with industry in development and licensure to provide incentives and guidance
- Encourage and support alternatives
  - Continuous benefit/risk assessment
  - Risk management plans to allow early registration
  - Alternate approaches to proving benefits



## Training and Academic collaboration

### What industry see as positive

- Development of new technologies and approaches
- Independent expert support
- Knowledge sharing
- Engagement with academia e.g., to develop training modules

### Where industry see challenges

- Risk of a “nice to know” vs “need to know” approach
- Lack of understanding from academics of regulatory framework
- Much of the expert knowledge lies within industry

**We are ready to work together with EMA to support training and collaboration**





## Promote and support Vaccine

- Important area for industry
- Potential for major benefits
- New limited market classification and data reduction guidance will be a key area for success
- **Benefit/Risk becomes critical for success**
- Industry supports adaption of GMP (and quality) requirements, so they are appropriate for veterinary products, including vaccines
- Important GLs to deliver
  - Exceptional marketing authorisation guidance
  - Vaccine antigen master file guidance
  - Platform antigen master files





## New/Novel types of claims and endpoints

### From the Medicines Network strategy

**“The opportunities provided by Regulation 2019/6 for new types of claims and endpoints should be maximized to foster new technology and innovation in the animal health sector.”**

**This is critically important, but not just for new technologies**

**A big part of the innovative claims could come from existing technology, where the full potential of the definition of a VMP is until now, restricted to clinical endpoints**

**Industry hope to work with EMA/CVMP to realise the benefits**



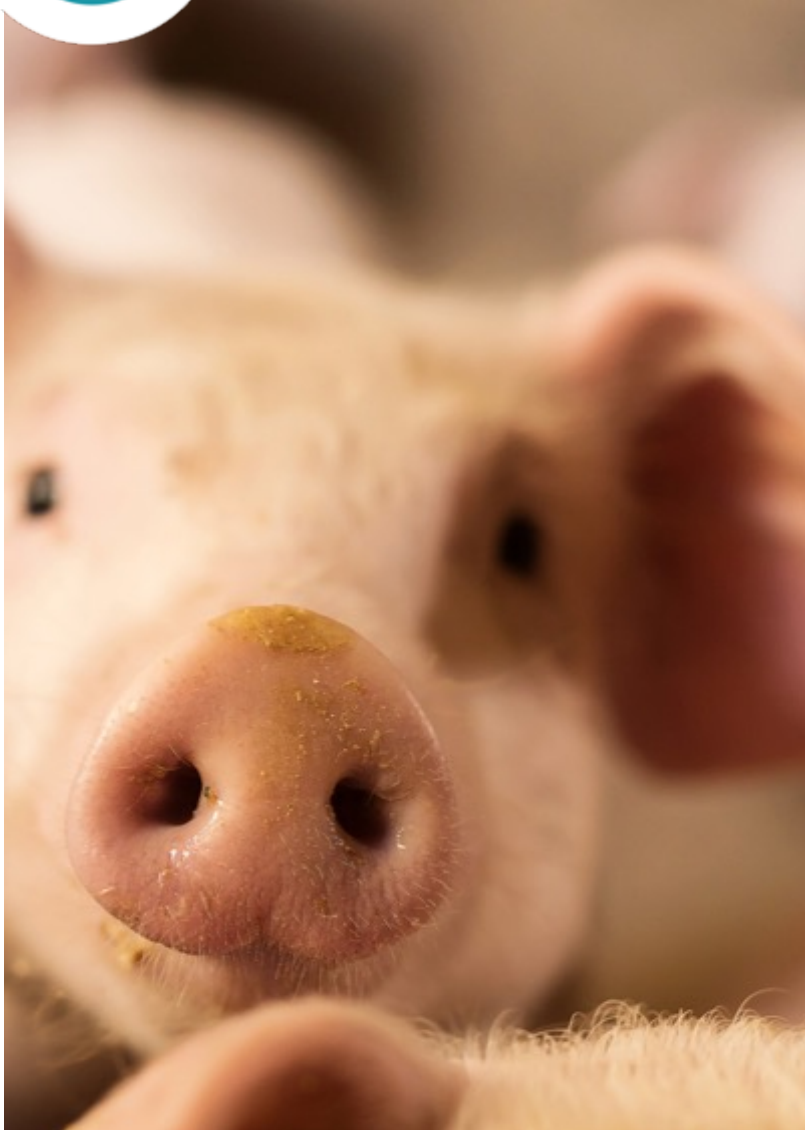
## Horizon Scanning

**Industry support horizon scanning capability such that**

- regulators can become aware of innovation earlier and
- address questions from innovators at a much earlier stage

**However,**

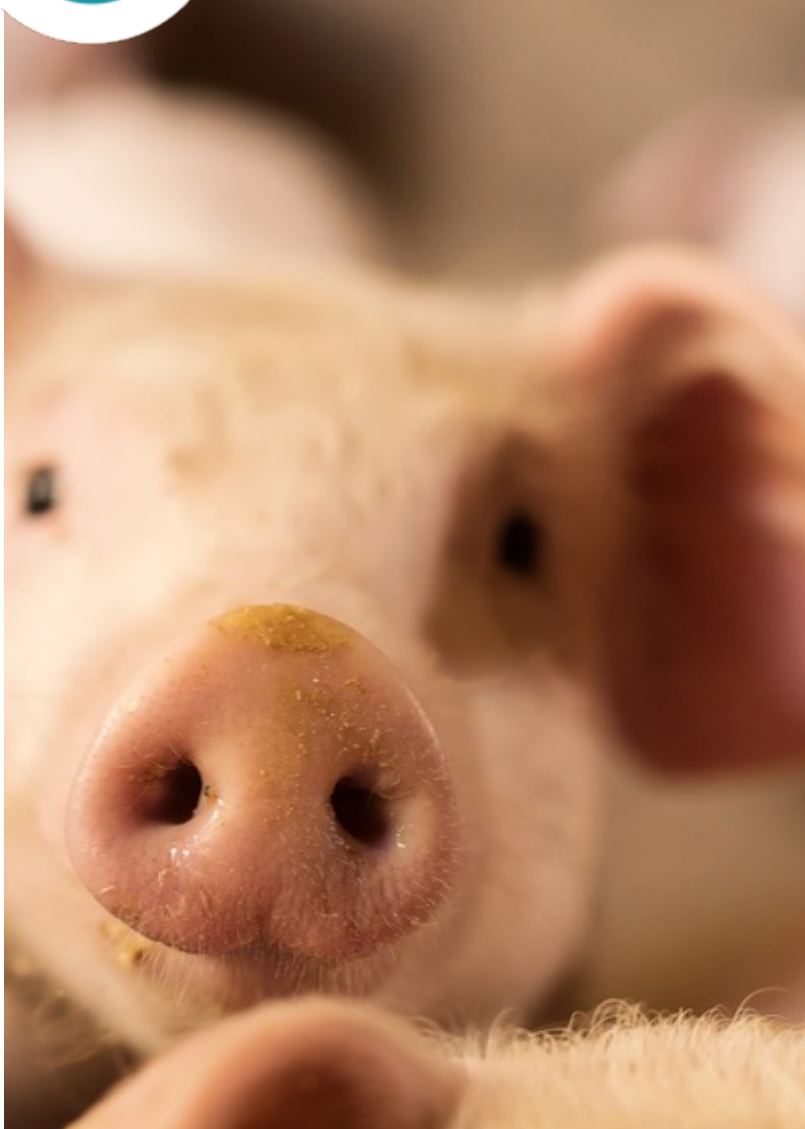
- benefits would be maximized if this happens at global level or at least VICH scale - to allow for appropriate and consistent rules in major geographies



## Pharmacovigilance and pharmacoepidemiology

- There is much to be developed but moving from PSURs to signal detection makes this important
- Collaboration with industry on systems and guidance development is important (see PV presentation)
- Major link to B/R assessment and how these data are used to support product registration and continuous B/R balance





## Conclusion

- Animal Health Europe supports the work towards implementing and realising the goals of the network regulatory strategy
- Animal Health Europe appreciate the synergies between Regulating 2019/6 and the RSS
- There is a lot of work and discussion needed to meet the goals of the RSS for all stakeholders
- Animal Health Europe are ready to engage with EMA and CVMP, as guidance is developed, that supports this



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