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PRESS RELEASE
EMEA/IFAH Infoday: latest developments in scientific review, legislation and marketing authorisation procedures for veterinary medicines

On the 12 and 13 March 2009, the annual EMEA/IFAH Europe Infoday took place at the Agency's premises with the theme of "Latest developments in scientific review, legislation and marketing authorisation procedures". The meeting was jointly organised by the agency and the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) Europe and was attended by a wide range of stakeholders including representatives of IFAH Europe member companies, representatives of other organisations involved in the animal health industry, the veterinary press and members of the EMEA's Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP).

The intention of this year's meeting was to focus on updating delegates on progress with the latest scientific guidance, legislation and procedures. The last year has been very busy in terms of finalising several regulatory activities that have been ongoing for a long time. These include the revision of the annex to the veterinary directive that lays out the technical requirements for authorisation, finalisation of the variations regulations and guidelines in a number of scientific areas such as environmental risk, efficacy and immunologicals. The meeting ended by responding positively to the recent announcement by the Commission of the assessment that they will present in 2010 looking at the application of the veterinary medicinal products directive with a view to making, where appropriate, legal proposals[1].

The agenda was structured to give both regulatory and industry speakers the opportunity to present their views on a wide range of topics. This format proved to be a good opportunity for discussion between the speakers, delegates, CVMP members and the EMEA. Where relevant, topics will be followed up through the usual EMEA procedures for engagement with stakeholders such as focus group meetings, consultation papers and bilateral meetings.

A joint summary report of the meeting is available:
http://www.emea.europa.eu/meetings/conference.htm

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Notes:
1. This press release, together with other information on the work of the EMEA, can be found on the EMEA website: www.emea.europa.eu

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