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### Meeting of the Working Party on Herbal Medicinal Products

2-3 February 2004, EMEA London

The CPMP Working Party on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPWP) met for the seventh time at the EMEA offices in London on 2-3 February 2004 under the chairmanship of Dr K. Keller.

The following topics were addressed:

- The Working Party finalised recommendations concerning the use of herbal medicinal products containing methyleugenol and estragole after review of the comments received from Interested Parties:
  - Final Position paper on the use of herbal medicinal products containing **methyleugenol** (HMPWP/337/03)
  - Final Position paper on the use of herbal medicinal products containing **estragole** (HMPWP/338/03)
- The Working Party prepared a Draft 'Position paper on the use of herbal medicinal products containing **Arachis oil and preparations from Soya bean**' (HMPWP/347/03).

This document is **released for consultation until the end of May 2004**.

- The Working Party finalised the following core-data after review of the comments received from Interested Parties:
  - ***Salicis cortex*** (HMPWP/341/03)
  - ***Primula radix*** (HMPWP/243/03)
  - ***Thymi herba*** (HMPWP/343/03)
  - ***Menthae piperitae aetheroleum*** (HMPWP/1417/02)
- The HMPWP finalised the 'Concept paper on the implementation of different levels of scientific evidence in core-data' (HMPWP/1156/03) after review of the comments received from Interested Parties.
- The Working party further revised the SOP on 'Recording of core-data for herbal drugs/herbal drugs preparations' (SOP/HMPWP/41/01/Rev.3) to include a reference to the 'Guideline on excipients in the label and package leaflet of medicinal products for human use' and to the need for products where alcohol is part of the herbal preparation/active ingredient, to carry the appropriate warning, based on the total alcohol content.

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In preparation for the implementation of new Community legislation, the EMEA discussed with the Working Party the timelines and practical arrangements for the establishment of the future Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products at the EMEA.

The next HMPWP meeting dates for 2004 are as follows:

- **1-2 April\***
- **3-4 June**
- **23-24 September\***
- **8-9 November**

(\*) The EMEA Work Programme for 2004 foresees the organisation of those two additional HMPWP meetings to allow preparatory work by the HMPWP for the implementation of the future Directive on traditional herbal medicinal products.

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