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How to Participate in the Elaboration and Revision of Monographs

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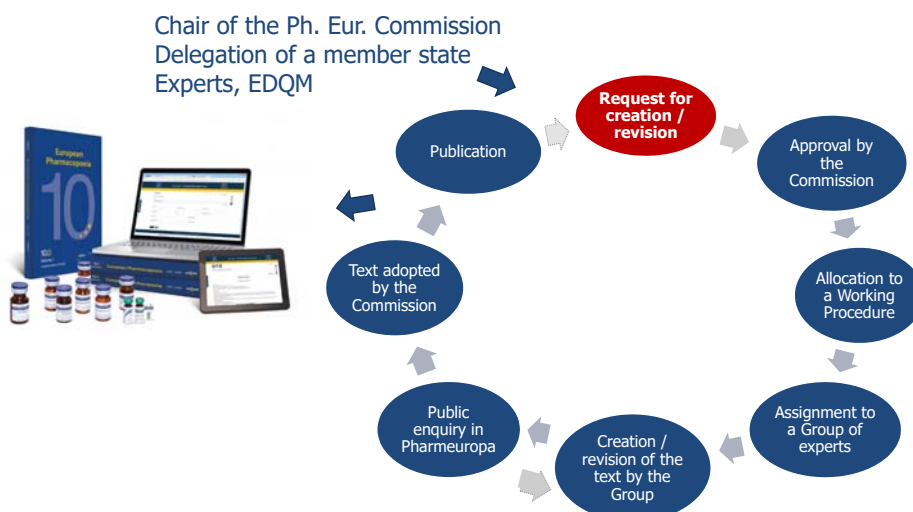
Basis for Monographs

- ✓ Monographs must take account of all currently **approved products**
- ✓ **Approved specification(s)** are the main basis backed up by **batch data**
- ✓ Draft monographs are checked by **users** including **regulatory** authorities at Pharmeuropa stage
- ✓ Policy for monograph development is given in:
Technical Guide for the Elaboration of Monographs
(available on the EDQM website)

and specific Technical Guides:



Creation or Revision of a text



How to Request a Revision?

- Go the EDQM website: <https://www.edqm.eu/en/submitting-drafts-and-requests-revision>

The screenshot shows the EDQM website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Council of Europe logo and various menu items like 'Home', 'About us', 'European Pharmacopoeia', 'Reference Standards', 'Certification of Suitability', 'OMCL Network', 'Transfusion & Transplantation', and 'Patient & Consumer Health Protection'. The main heading is 'Submitting drafts and requests for revision'. Below this, there's a paragraph stating that the European Pharmacopoeia Commission encourages submitting draft monographs or General Chapters. A sidebar on the left contains social media links and a 'What's new?' section. On the right, there's a list of links for guides and procedures, and a section for additional information including technical guides and recommendations for monograph layout.

Proposing a New Monograph

- ⇒ Contact the **EDQM** [in Europe: *National Pharmacopoeia Authority*]
- ✓ **Initial data:** countries (in Europe) where the product is approved
 - ✓ **Data package:**
 - Current specifications
 - Analytical procedures (SOPs)
 - Method validation reports
 - Batch and stability data
 - Samples of the finished product, substance and impurities
 - Full description of data package is available

Request for Revision of a Ph. Eur. Text




EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR REVISION OF A MONOGRAPH OR GENERAL CHAPTER

Presented by: _____ Date: _____

Concerning: Monograph No. _____ Chapter No. _____

Title/Name: _____

URGENT ☐ NOT URGENT ☐

REASON FOR REVISION:

☐ Error in text

☐ Quality defined by the monograph no longer available

☐ New source on the market

☐ Impurity not covered by the monograph: Name: _____

☐ qualified ☐ others

☐ Analytical improvement

☐ Reagents/equipment no longer available

Name: _____ Text: _____

☐ Other (specify): _____

FOR EDQM ONLY:

☐ Laboratory PAH report

☐ DDO: please specify (e.g. BSP, CAP, etc.): _____

Copy of supporting document (study or meeting report, OMC, testing report, etc...) must accompany the request.

☐ Other: _____

Please describe the issue/ suggestion: _____

For a MONOGRAPH, SECTION TO BE REVISED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Definition	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Characters
<input type="checkbox"/> Identification	<input type="checkbox"/> Tests	<input type="checkbox"/> Assay	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage
<input type="checkbox"/> Labelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Impurities	<input type="checkbox"/> Functionality-related characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/> Other characteristics

DATA ATTACHED TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR REVISION

Sufficient data must accompany the request to enable the group of experts and/or the Commission to decide whether revision of the monograph is necessary. The data should be evaluated in this light by the requester. Wherever possible, a concrete proposal should be made for amendment of the monograph.

☐ validated method of analysis (comparison with the existing method should be provided whenever possible):

☐ batch data ☐ typical chromatogram (if applicable)

☐ other: _____

Please indicate where samples of the product and any necessary Reference Substance for testing of the revision proposal can be obtained: _____

Where useful, please indicate suppliers for reagents/equipment: _____

Manufacturer(s) identified (name, address ...): _____

If urgent revision is requested, please indicate why this is justified: _____

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Data for Revision

- ✓ Revision can only be undertaken if the request is **backed up by sufficient data**
- ✓ Provide **batch data**, sample chromatograms, etc. to enable a decision on the need for revision
- ✓ Supply **validated methods** (if possible, cross-validated against official Ph. Eur. method) and **samples notably for all impurities** controlled by the new method

And then?

❑ Outside Ph. Eur. Member states:

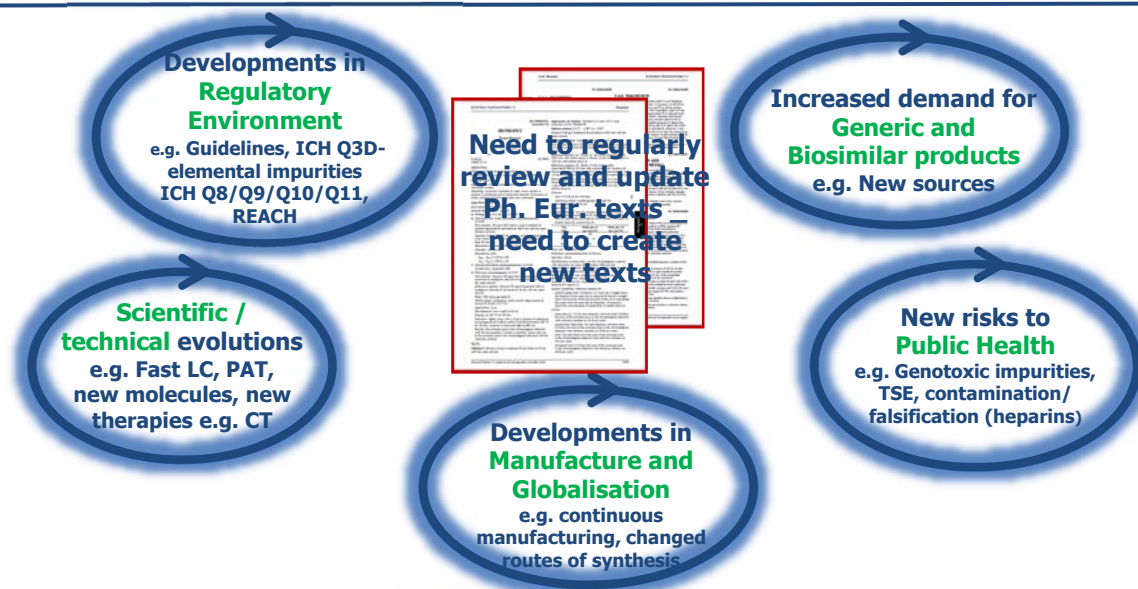
⇒ contact EDQM which will refer the matter to a group of experts or to the Ph. Eur. Commission

❑ Ph. Eur. Member states:

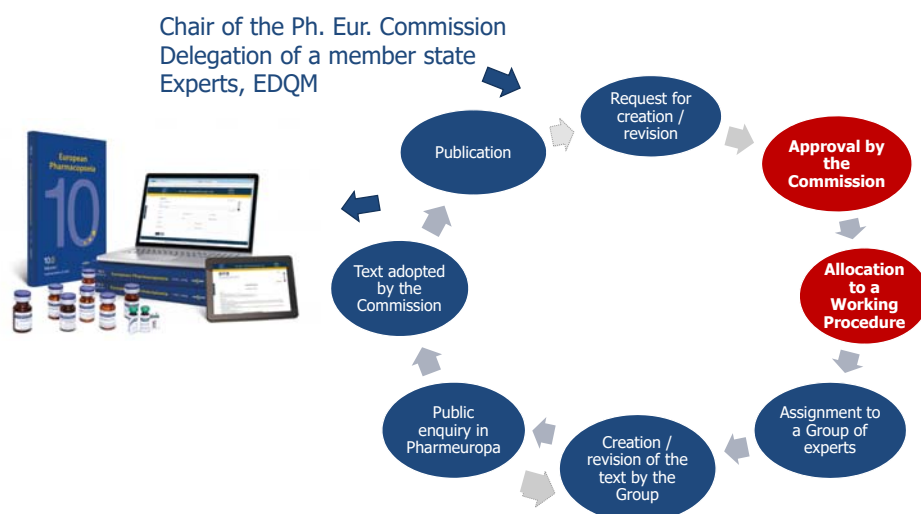
⇒ via National Pharmacopoeia Authority (address list on EDQM website and in Pharmeuropa)

Make clear what needs revising and, if possible,
make a **concrete proposal**

Revision: Why?



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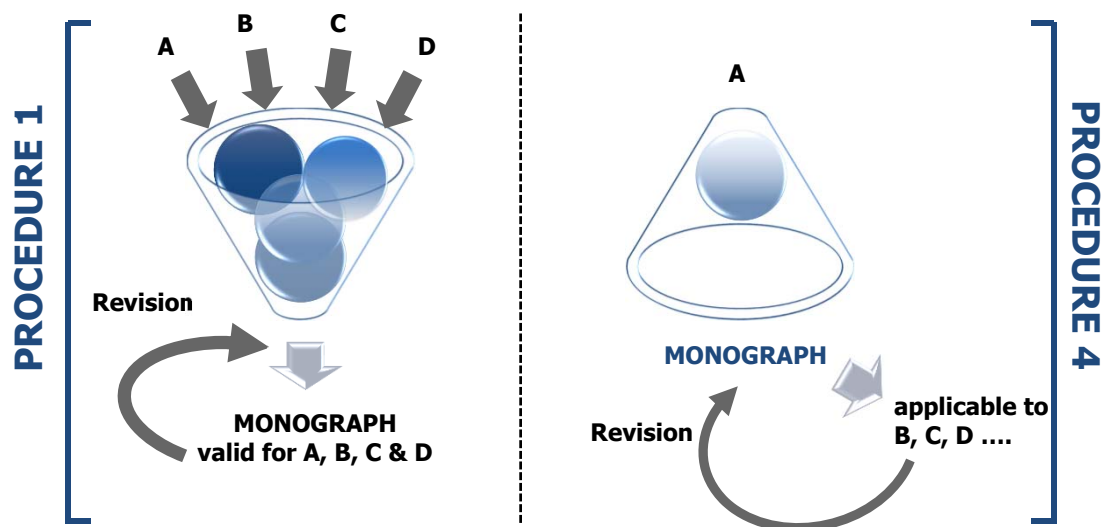
Revision Programme

- ✓ **Work programme** is announced via EDQM website and to industry associations and pharmacopoeia liaison contacts (<http://www.edqm.eu/en/european-pharmacopoeia-work-programme-607.html>)
- ✓ **Stakeholders to:**
 - **Declare an interest** for relevant items
 - Make sure Pharmeuropa is seen for revision proposals
 - Provide samples, test draft proposal

How are Texts Elaborated / Revised?

- ❑ **Procedure 1** (Group of experts):
Multi-source products and monograph revisions
On request, data are handled confidentially by EDQM
- ❑ **Procedure 4** (Group of regulators):
Single-source products, direct co-operation with innovator
Data are handled confidentially by EDQM

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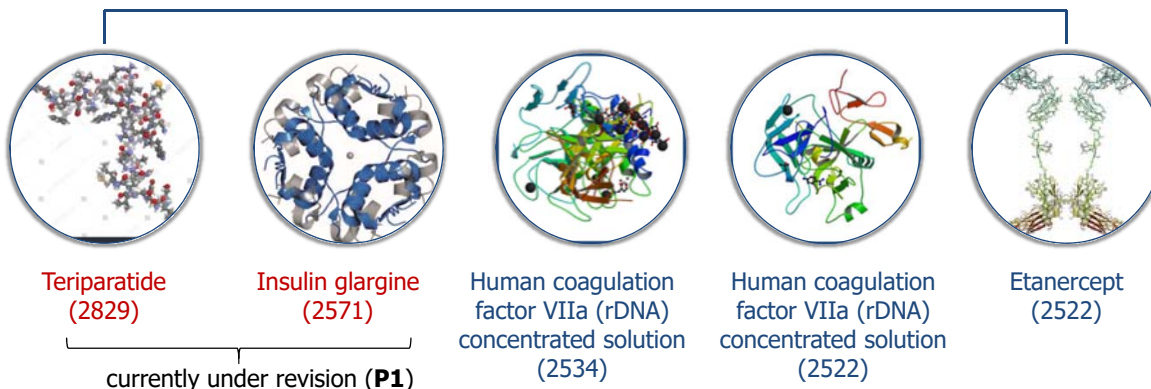


P4 Procedure: Aim

- ✓ Create monographs for **single-source** substances/finished products (still under patent) with a potential for further generics
- ✓ **Based on authorised** products
- ✓ Monograph ready ≥ 2 years before patent expiry (ideally)
- ✓ Possibility of starting elaboration work 5 years after first MA approval
- ✓ **Protection of proprietary information**: expert group P4 solely composed of regulators, OMCLs and EDQM

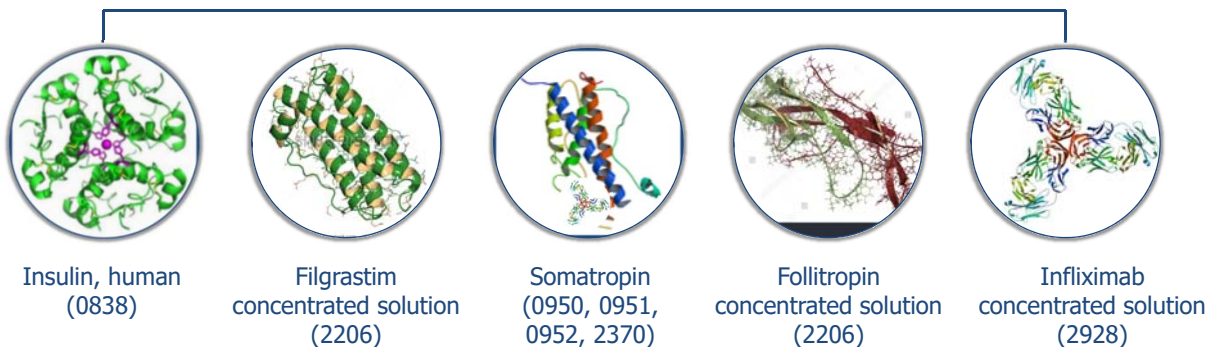
Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration: P4 Examples

PROCEDURE 4 (single-source)

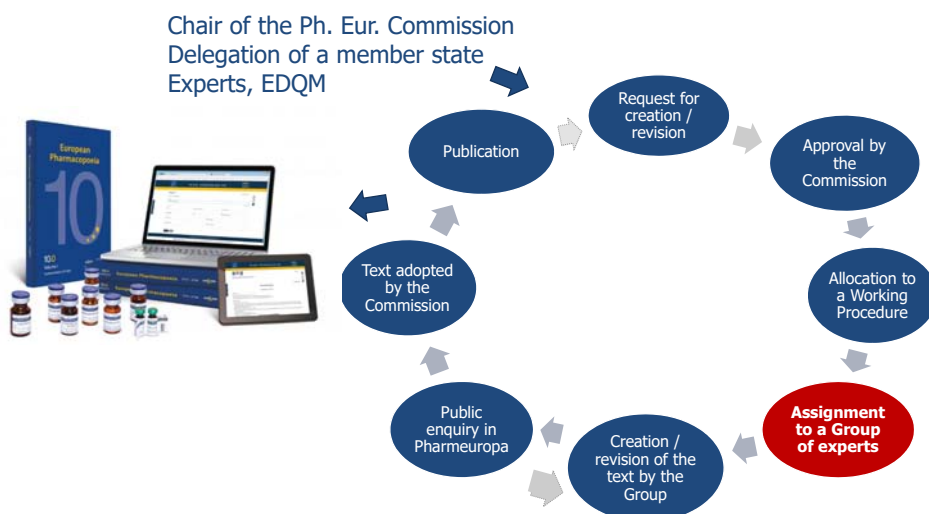


Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration: P1 Examples

PROCEDURE 1 (multi-source)




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By Whom?

- ✓ **Groups of experts and working parties** – appointed by the Ph. Eur. Commission
- ✓ **800 experts** in pharmaceutical sciences from the Ph. Eur. members states and observers
- ✓ The Ph. Eur. Commission has revised its working procedures to open up to the nomination of experts from **non-European Pharmacopoeia member states and non-observers states**
- ✓ EDQM web site: <https://www.edqm.eu/en/join-network>

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Groups of Experts and Working Parties

The elaboration and revision of methods and texts is carried out by the Ph. Eur. Groups of Experts and Working Parties. Groups of Experts cover the main scientific topics relevant for the quality control of medicinal products and their constituents. Working Parties are appointed for a defined period to deal with a specific aspect of the work or with a specific topic.

The Members of both these groups are appointed by the [European Pharmacopoeia Commission](#) for a period of three years. While many of our experts work for a national authority (e. g. national pharmacopoeia authority, [official medicines control laboratory](#), licensing authorities, inspectorates, etc.), others work in the private sector (pharmaceutical or chemical industry), academia or a research organisation.

These Groups of Experts and Working Parties meet in Strasbourg (France) up to three times a year. Teleconferences may be held between meetings.

The contributions and involvement of these experts are crucial for the elaboration and revision of [the Ph. Eur.](#)

[Join the Network!](#)

Additional information

- ▶ [Terms of reference and profile for members of groups of experts and working parties](#)

Example:

Group of Experts No. 6B (Human Plasma and Plasma Products)

Terms of reference

- Drafting and revision of texts in the field of blood products

Profile for experts

- Current expertise in the field of blood products, notably related to quality control of and development of control methods
- Access to laboratory facilities for verification and validation of methods proposed for inclusion in monographs, *Essential*: Active involvement in laboratory verification of test methods and drafting of texts
- Several years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - Quality control of blood products in a pharmaceutical or bulk manufacturing setting
 - Batch release or market surveillance of Human Blood, Plasma and Plasma Products in a regulatory authority
 - Assessment of the relevant parts of applications for marketing authorisation within a medicines agency
 - Quality control of blood products in an independent testing laboratory
 - Method development and verification in a regulatory authority
 - Development of methods for control Human Plasma and Plasma Products in a research and development environment

CTP Working Party (Cell Therapy Products)

Terms of reference

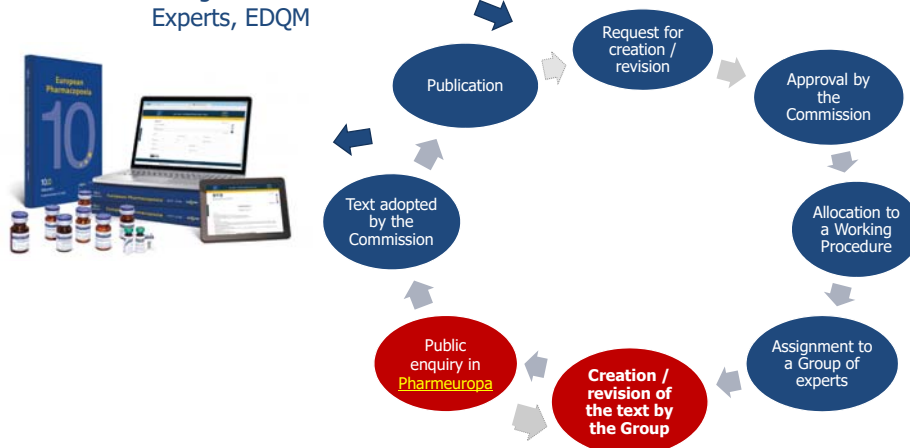
- Revision of general chapter 2.7.29 *Nucleated cell count and viability* in order to update it with new automated technologies for cell enumeration (e.g. image cytometry)
- Revision of Ph. Eur. texts (monographs or chapters) where it might be necessary to account for chapter 5.2.12 *Raw materials of biological origin for the production of cell-based and gene therapy medicinal products*
- Evaluation of the need to revise the introductory statement of the monograph on parenteral preparations (0520) by adding cell-based preparations to the list of preparations to which the monograph does not necessarily apply, and if so, evaluation of the need for a general Ph. Eur. text dealing with cell-based preparations
- Drafting and revision of other texts in the field of cell therapy products

Profile for experts


- Current expertise in analytical methods related to the development and quality control of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products and/or to the quality control of tissues for human use
- Several years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - Development of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products
 - Quality control of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products in a pharmaceutical manufacturing setting or in a hospital environment and/or microbiological control of tissues and organs used for human transplantation
 - Assessment of applications for marketing authorisation of cell therapy and/or tissue-engineered products
 - Market surveillance of the quality of cell therapy products, tissue-engineered products and/or tissues and organs used for human transplantation in a regulatory authority
 - Pharmaceutical quality control in an independent testing laboratory
 - Development of methods (e.g. microbiological methods) to control cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products and/or tissues and organs used for human transplantation in a research and development environment

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How to Comment?!



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In order to maintain and enhance the new platform we deliver minor bug fixes and/or improvements every first Wednesday of the month, between 17:00 and 18:00 CET.
 The platform may not be fully available during these periods. EFQM publications platform issues notes.




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EQM News Events

Pharmeuropa 22.X: the issue is now complete (quote inquiry until 31 March 2020)

Pharmeuropa 22.X: all staff tests are now listed in Pharmeuropa archive

Comments concerning revised tests published in Supplement 10.2

☐ **2.1.2.6. Contaminant pyrrolizidine alkaloids**

Reference number: **PA/PH/Exp. PA/T (18) 1 ANP** Test number: **20826** 2020-03-31 PA 32.1 2019-12-19

Reference: PA/PH/Exp. PA/T (18) 1 ANP XXX/2026.2.1.2.6. Contaminant pyrrolizidine alkaloids Introduction Pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PAAs) are nitrogen-containing compounds that occur naturally in plants. Several hundred structurally distinct PAAs have been found in several thousand different plant species. Many of these plants are common weeds, which can contaminate raw plant materials used for the production of herbal medicinal products (HMPs). This results in contamination of raw plant materials by ...

☐ **2.1.7. Balances**

Reference number: **PA/PH/Exp. MG/T (19) 14 ANP R1** Test number: **20107** 2020-03-31 MG 32.1 2019-12-18

Reference: PA/PH/Exp. MG/T (19) 14 ANP R1 XXX/20107.2.1.7. Balances The scope of this chapter is limited to balances used for analytical purposes. It does not cover balances used for manufacturing or other purposes. Any weighing performed as part of tests performed to establish compliance with a monograph of the European Pharmacopoeia shall be carried out according to the principles outlined in this chapter. Information about significant digits and rounding for mass values prescribed in a monograph ...

☐ **Allergen products**

Reference number: **PA/PH/Exp. ALG/T (19) 12 ANP** Test number: **1063** 2020-03-31 ALG 32.1 2019-12-17

Reference: PA/PH/Exp. ALG/T (19) 12 ANP NOTE ON THE GENERAL MOHOGHAPPA Production - In-house reference preparation/Characterisation of the in-house reference preparation. Preparation to use in vitro methods (for the characterisation of the biological potency of the in-house reference preparation) in other states (than when not enough patients are available. Tests - Protein content. The performance of the test does not depend on the performance of the test for biological potency, so it is proposed ...

How to comment

The Texts for comment database contains proposals for new and revised monographs and general texts that are intended for inclusion in the European Pharmacopoeia and are submitted for public comment. In the case of proposals for revision, text to be deleted is crossed out and replacements or additions are underlined.

According to the Guide for the work of the European Pharmacopoeia:

- for manufacturers and other interested parties from member states of the Ph. Eur. Convention:
 - comments on Pharmacopoeia texts should be submitted via the national pharmacopoeia authority;
- for manufacturers and other interested parties from non-member states of the Ph. Eur. Convention, and for multinational interested parties:
 - comments on Pharmacopoeia texts should be submitted preferably via the national pharmacopoeia authority of the member state where the product is authorised;
 - in cases where comments are submitted to the EDQM [Helpdesk](#) (preferably as attachments to the enquiry form), please indicate the member state(s) where the product is authorised;
- for industry associations or other associations:
 - communications should be made via the EDQM secretariat.

The addresses of the national pharmacopoeia authorities and of the EDQM are published on the [Pharmeuropa website](#) under the tab *Useful information*.

In order to facilitate the processing of comments received by the secretariats of the national authorities and the EDQM, please mention in any correspondence the PA/PH reference number indicated at the beginning of each text. If the comment refers to a specific part of the text, please also mention the corresponding line number. This number can be found in the HTML version of the text on [Pharmeuropa online](#), in the Texts for comment database.

Comments that propose modifications of limits should be supported by analytical data obtained on a significant number of batches. Proposed changes of methodology should be supported by experimental results of a comparative trial of the method published in Pharmeuropa for comment and the proposed alternative.

Only comments sent before the deadline indicated at the top of each text will be considered for the preparation of the final version.

It is stressed that these proposals have not been adopted by the European Pharmacopoeia Commission and must not be regarded as official texts.

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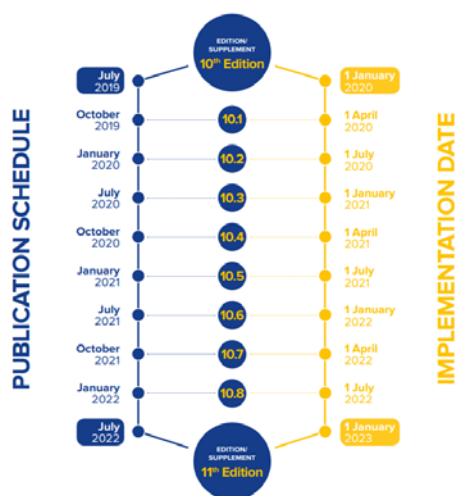
Adoption of the Text (New or Revised)

- ✓ **Submission** to Ph. Eur. Commission for adoption
- ✓ **Publication** in the Ph. Eur.
- ✓ **Implementation** 1 year after adoption (see publication schedule available on website)



Overall timescale:
minimum 2 years

Including 5 months for public enquiry and at least 6 months between adoption and publication



After Revision: Why ?

FAQ: "Why did you revise the monograph on...?"

⇒ The answer can be found out via:

- ✓ Briefing notes in **Pharmeuropa**
- ✓ Collected briefing notes posted on the **website** for each new edition/supplement
(<http://pharmeuropa.edqm.eu/home/menupage/English/Useful%20Information/Supplementcomments82.pdf>)
- ✓ **Knowledge database** (monograph history)

No briefing notes for corrections

Text under Elaboration

0 The monograph has been authorised but work has not started yet

1 Work has started (first draft)

2 The monograph has been authorised for publication in Pharmeuropa (see Pharmeuropa number)

3 The monograph has been submitted for adoption to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission

4 The monograph has been adopted

5 The monograph is about to be published, or has been published (see the supplement number indicated and the calendar of the editions below)

Status	Elaboration	The number of the last issue of Pharmeuropa into which a draft of the monograph was published
Graph Number	20632	
English Name	Test for bacterial endotoxins using recombinant factor C (2.6.32.)	
French Name	Essai des endotoxines bactériennes par la méthode du facteur C recombinant (2.6.32.)	
Latin Name		
Pinyin Name		
Chinese Name		
Pharmeuropa	31.1	
Published in English Supplement		
Published in French Supplement		
On-going	Elaboration	
State of work	4 - DEF	
Pharmeuropa	31.1	
Description		
Chromatogram	Not available	
Additional information	Not available	
History		
Interchangeable (ICH_Q4B)	NO	
Pharmacopoeial harmonisation	NO	
Reference standards		
Practical Information	Test(s)	Brand Name/Information
CEP		

The section reflects the status of the text with regard to the work of:

- the Pharmacopoeia Discussion Group (PDG), a joint collaboration between the United States Pharmacopoeia, the Japanese Pharmacopoeia and the European Pharmacopoeia.
- the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) Quality Guideline on Evaluation and Recommendation of Pharmacopoeial Texts for Use in the ICH (Q4B).

Further information can be found in chapter 5.8 (Pharmacopoeial Harmonisation) of the European Pharmacopoeia.

Text under Revision

On-going revision

History: contains information concerning certain technical modifications to some revised/corrected texts published since Ph. Eur. 5.0. This information complements the modifications indicated by lines in the margin in the supplements and is not necessarily exhaustive.

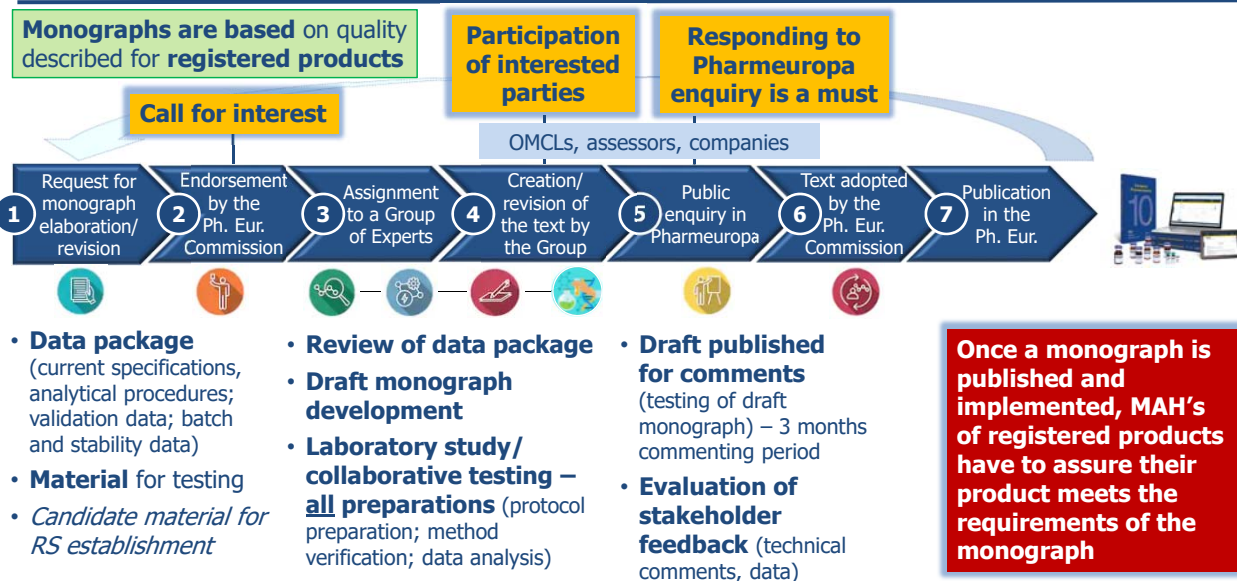
If certificate(s) of suitability have been granted for the substance in question, their list is shown. This is an excerpt from the online List of CEP.

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- Aim of the revision
- State of work
- The number of the last issue of Pharmeuropa into which a draft of the monograph was published

For guidance purposes: provides additional information to users e.g. column / trade names

Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration/Revision: to Summarise



Pharmacopoeia Liaison

- ✓ EDQM wishes to have a **pharmacopoeia liaison contact** for each major manufacturer/user
- ✓ Channel information and requests from manufacturer to EDQM
- ✓ Reception point for contact by EDQM
- ✓ **Benefits for both sides**

Thank you for your attention



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