



**To whom it may concern**

**Az.: 114 – 41045**

Subject            Regulation on medicinal products in Germany  
In particular      Authorisations and statement of GMP compliance

**Marketing authorisation**

Under the German Drug Law, approval (“Marketing Authorisation“) of conventional medicinal products for human use is granted by the:

*Bundesinstitut  
für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte (BfArM)  
Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices  
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Email: [poststelle@bfarm.de](mailto:poststelle@bfarm.de); [www.bfarm.de](http://www.bfarm.de)*

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Biomedizinische Arzneimittel  
Federal Institute for vaccines and biological  
medicinal products  
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E-mail: [pei@pei.de](mailto:pei@pei.de); [www.pei.de](http://www.pei.de)  
- for blood products, sera, vaccines, blood  
preparations, bone marrow preparations, tissue  
preparations, allergens, gene transfer medicinal  
products, somatic cell therapy products,  
xenogenic cell therapy products, advanced  
therapy medicinal products and blood  
components manufactured using genetic  
engineering.*

**Supervision of companies**

In the Federal Republic of Germany, the 16 Federal States (“Laender“) are responsible for monitoring compliance with GMP including supervision of manufacture, import and export of medicinal products. The activities of the 25 competent authorities on the regional level (Laender authorities, called *Bezirksregierung, Regierungspräsidium, Regierung, Senat, Behörde or Landesamt*) in the 16 Federal States are managed by the corresponding Ministry of Health in each of the 16 Laender.

A central co-ordination unit (“ZLG“) of the Federal Laender was established to co-ordinate the executive tasks in the framework of GMP:

*Zentrale Koordinierungsstelle der Laender  
für den Gesundheitsschutz bei Arzneimitteln (ZLG)  
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## **Manufacturing license**

In Germany, a manufacturing license may only be granted by the competent Laender authorities if appropriately qualified persons and suitable premises and equipment for manufacturing, testing and storage of the medicinal products are available, and if the manufacturer is able to ensure that the products are manufactured and tested in accordance with the current state of science and technology, especially the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice (GMP) for medicinal products as laid down by Community Law and which are comparable to other international GMP-guidelines such as WHO. Further more the manufacturing license may be issued only after an inspection of the manufacturer has been performed by the competent Laender authority. These requirements follow Articles 40 ff. of Directive 2001/83/EC and Directive 2003/94/EC which can be found under <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/pharmaceuticals/eudralex/homev1.htm>. The manufacturing license regularly does not specify an expiry date

## **Contacts list with competent authorities participating in the WHO certification scheme**

Combined certificates, referring to the marketing authorisation and the manufacturing license, are subject of the WHO Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce. In Germany, such product related certificates are issued by the competent Laender authorities or the *Federal Institutes*. Jurisdiction of the latter is determined by the location of the manufacturing site or the site which is responsible for the batch release of imported products into the European Community.

A complete list of the German Health Authorities participating in the WHO certification scheme can be found here:

[http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/quality\\_safety/regulation\\_legislation/certification/contacts/en/](http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/quality_safety/regulation_legislation/certification/contacts/en/)

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### **Authentication**

The certificate with the seal of the Bundesministerium für Gesundheit is herewith authenticated.

By order

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