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## Manufacturers of medicinal products are to follow the new common pharmaceutical market

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The rules regulating the emerging common pharmaceutical market of the Eurasian Union will not require an unconditional recognition of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) Certificate for medicinal products from countries that are non-members of the EAEU. To assure safety, quality and efficacy of medicinal products in the EAEU member states, pharmaceutical manufacturers will have to follow the new EAEU regulatory requirements.

The news was announced by Arman Shakkaliev, the Director of the EEC Technical Regulation Department, during a working meeting with Luis Portero, the Head of the Department of Economic and Financial Policy of the European Union Representative Office in Russia.

Mr. Shakkaliev informed his colleague from the European Union that the EAEU draft rules for medicinal products have been developed with European standards in mind. For example, the draft Rules for medicinal products for human use were developed based on EU Directive 2001/83/EC. The draft Good Manufacturing Practice complies with the GMP EU revised in 2015.

As for GMP certification, a Drug Master File will have to contain a GMP Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice. Whereby, in the first three years after introduction of medicinal products registered in the member states of the Union may present a draft of the national standards instead of the EAEU GMP Certificate, and third countries' national standards must comply with national GMP requirements of the EAEU member states. If in the Drug Master File it is discovered that the documents mentioned above are missing or do not comply with manufacturing and carrying out quality control of the medicine will be subjected to the EAEU regulatory requirements.

For a large-scale common pharmaceutical market to start operating in the Union, the EAEU member states have prepared 19 draft regulations of the "second level" regulatory framework. This set of drafts includes the Concept of Harmonisation of the Pharmacopoeias of the Eurasian Economic Union; five documents focusing on the good laboratory, clinical, manufacturing and distribution practices; Requirements to a patient information leaflet; Rules of analytical control of medicinal products labeling requirements; documents that regulate inspection procedures.

All the documents have been approved by the Board of the EEC. There is only one package of documents being adopted as a "package" at the level of the EEC Council: there is a need for the Union to work out a common position as to the interchangeability of medicinal products.

Mr. Portero expressed his opinion that meetings of such nature had positive influence on the relations between the EAEU member states and the European Union.

The parties have agreed to continue their cooperation and reciprocal exchange of information.

**Reference:**

**GMP** (Good Manufacturing Practice) is a system of rules, regulations and guidance for the production of drugs. It serves to ensure that drugs have consistent quality and allows timely distribution of medicinal products deviating from the set standards in terms of quality and safety.

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