MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

An applicant member (whether as a purchaser or a supplier) to EAEPC must be in possession of a current valid national wholesaler authorisation, and if, as an importer, is engaged in the repackaging of medicinal products, must also have the appropriate national manufacturing licence permitting such activity. In addition, EAEPC asks that the applicant member provide at least one reference from an existing member of the association.

EAEPC operates good practice guidance for members, and each year a letter of adherence to these principles is demanded from every member, as a declaration of good distribution practice ('GDP').

Further, new members are asked to undergo a specific EAEPC-designed GDP audit, performed by the respected international standards company, TÜV (by its Polish division).

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MAKING MEDICINES MORE AFFORDABLE FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS

THE VOICE OF PARALLEL DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES IN EUROPE

The European Association of Euro-Pharmaceutical Companies ('EAEPC') was founded in 1998 as the professional and representative voice of pharmaceutical Parallel Distribution in Europe. Through national associations and individual company membership, it today encompasses more than 80 wholesalers in 23 of the Member States of the European Economic Area ('EEA').

The Parallel Distribution industry is an asset to the European Union. In a series of academic studies performed over a number of years, the economic value of Parallel Distribution to healthcare systems and to patients in Europe has been established and re-confirmed, both in terms of direct savings against the national reimbursement price, and in terms of the competitive effect which imports bring to bear on manufacturers' pricing.

The contribution of Parallel Distributors to the EU pharmaceutical market lies in an extremely innovative distribution system. Moreover, the sector employs between 10-15,000 individual employers, many of them highly skilled, in jobs directly and indirectly linked to the PD market in Europe, often in locations of geographical and economic disadvantage.

ORGANISATION

EAEPC is a Brussels-based not-for-profit company, totally funded by membership subscription. Its executive operates with small team of three staff, subject to the day-to-day strategy set out by a Board of Directors, meeting up to six times per annum.

The Board consists of one director, elected annually, for each Member State where the EAEPC has member representation. A President and Vice-President are also elected each year to lead the Board.

The principal decision making body of the EAEPC is the General Assembly, meeting usually twice a year, in spring and autumn; these meetings are open to all members and make basic decisions like fee setting and budgets, election of officers, changes in the statutes and by-laws, and important and long-reaching industry strategies.

EAEPC STANDS FOR:

- Advocacy for the free movement of medicinal goods, as laid down in the European Treaty
- The promotion of Parallel Distribution as a means of providing competition and ensuring that the socio-economic benefits of Parallel Distribution are recognised.
- Ensuring the continued safety and integrity of the pharmaceutical supply chain.

In these fields, EAEPC is the only one-stop-shop for advice, guidance and, where necessary, direct intervention with Member States and with the European Commission.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Open participation in EAEPC working groups – legal affairs, regulatory affairs, advocacy, member services
- Regular communication with and to members
- Joint transportation project in development
- Regular opportunities for networking with existing EAEPC members
- Member driven policies
- EAEPC GDP audit scheme and certification
- EAEPC anti-counterfeit warning platform
- Cooperation with other supply chain stakeholders
- Your sole PD partner in the European Medicines Verification System