Regulatory aspects of GMP in accordance with pharmaceutical inspection co-operation scheme

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ABSTRACT

The PIC/S strives to harmonize inspection procedures all over the world by establishing specific GMP guidelines and supplying inspectors with training opportunities. This is additionally proposed to advance co-operation and systems administration between capable specialists, local and foreign associations, in this manner becoming common confidence. At present, harmonization efforts need to be improved in setting regulatory standards, monitoring and assessing GMP compliance, licensing production sites, retrieving faulty lots, and increasing the sharing of information due to expanded regulatory authorities for globalization. PIC/S provides an appealing and sustainable platform to give a response to globalization’s challenges. PIC/S actively facilitates networking by organizing a PIC/S GMP Forum, which enables non-member, technical and other organizations to meet informally with the PIC/S committee. Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection is available to any systems administration having a practically identical GMP investigation framework. Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection has built an integrated manual on GMP necessities for inspectorates and also for the industries. The primary harmonization device has been the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection GMP Guide. The last was initially gotten from the WHO Guide to GMP and further created so as to consent to exacting assembling and wellbeing pre-requisites in the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection nations, to cover new zones (for example, biological and radio-pharmaceuticals) and to adjust to logical and mechanical innovation.

INTRODUCTION

The Pharmaceutical inspection cooperation (PIC scheme) was established in 1995 as associate degree growth to the convention for pharmaceutical inspection (PIC). Convention for pharmaceutical inspection (PIC) alone was based in October 1970 by the EU Trade Association (EFTA) titled as “The convention for the mutual recognition of inspections in respect of the manufacture of pharmaceutical products”. It’s a legal written agreement between countries. Within the starting, ten member countries, i.e., UK, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Liechtenstein,
Iceland, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, and Austria, were the only members of the PIC. The convention for pharmaceutical inspection was enlarged (until 1993) to the subsequent countries, i.e., Italy, France, Ireland, Romania, Hungary, Belgium, Germany and Australia (Gupta, 2014).

The difference between PIC and PIC/S is shown in the following Table 1.

PIC is a legal agreement between countries. Rather than PIC, the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection (PIC/S) is an off-the-cuff co-operative arrangement between Regulatory Experts in the field of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) of therapeutic products for human or veterinary use. It is available to any system administration having a comparable GMP examination framework (Patel, 2015).

Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection explicitly comprises fifty-three Participating Authorities from around the world (Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and America,) as shown in Table 2 (Balasubramanian, 2017)

**Pic/S Targets At**

1. Mutual acknowledgement of investigations
2. Harmonization of Good Manufacturing Practices prerequisites
3. Uniform investigation frameworks
4. Training of overseers
5. Exchange of data
6. Mutual certainty

**Purpose Behind Creating The Co-Operation Scheme For The Pharmaceutical Inspection**

After 1993 no new individuals from Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection conceivable on the grounds that:

It was perceived in the mid-1990s that it was unrealistic for new nations to be acknowledged as Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection individuals because of contrariness between the Convention and European law. Australia was the last nation to turn into a Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection part in January 1993. Thusly, on the second November 1995, the PIC conspires was built up. The Convention for pharmaceutical inspection and Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection (Brunner, 2004).

**Pic Scheme Mission And Purpose**

PIC/S venture is to lead the worldwide turn of events, usage and upkeep of integrated GMP guidelines and first-class inspection systems in the field of pharmaceutical drugs.

The goal of Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical inspection can be achieved by

1. Creating and advancing harmonized GMP principles and steerage documents.
2. Preparing capable specialists, for the most part, GMP auditors.
3. Surveying (and reconsidering) the GMP inspectors.
4. Encouraging the co-activity and systems administration for capable specialists networking for competent authorities and universal associations.

With due regard for public health, the object of PIC/S is

1. To promote and strengthen cooperation between the participating inspection authorities relating to
2.1 Manufacture (or distribution) of and other pharmaceutical products.
2.2 Activities so as to keep up the shared certainty and
2.3 Fostering examination quality affirmation.
2. Supplying an information and experience sharing framework on a voluntary basis.
3. Establishing joint preparing for investigators and some expert staff professionals in a relevant field.
4. To proceed with joint endeavors to improve and fit specialized principles and methods for review of creation (or dissemination) of and testing of therapeutic products by quality control research centres shrunk by taking an interest specialist.
5. To proceed with the joint endeavors for improvement, harmonization and keeping up the GMDP.
6. Extending co-activity to other equipped specialists that have the plans essential for the utilization of equal principles and methods to contribute the worldwide harmonization.

**PIC/S Organizational Structure**

Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical inspection is established with an everlasting board of trustees and executes gatherings with consultant
Table 1: Difference between PIC and PIC/S

| Convention for Pharmaceutical Inspection | Co-Operation Scheme for The Pharmaceutical Inspection |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Emphasis on inspection                  | Emphasis on training and development of guidelines |
| Between countries                       | Between agencies                                    |
| A formal contract                       | An informal co-operation                            |
| This has legitimate standing.           | This has no legitimate standing.                    |
| Exchange of information                 | Mutual acceptance of inspections                    |
| Convention                              | Scheme                                              |

Table 2: State members of PIC/S

| State members of PIC/S                     |
|-------------------------------------------|
| Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus,      |
| Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Croatia,     |
| Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Malta,     |
| Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Thailand,    |
| United States, United Kingdom, Australia, |
| Switzerland, Spain, France, Estonia,     |
| Spain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Ireland,  |
| Iceland, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg,        |
| Malta, New Zealand, Poland, Romania,      |
| Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Taiwan,       |
| Ukraine, Hong Kong, Croatia, Hungary,     |
| Indonesia, Greece, Italy, United Kingdom,|
| China, Russia, United States, South Africa|

of teaming up specialists. The gatherings are held at any rate two times each year by the advisory group. The Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical inspection board is helped by utilizing a secretariat in organizing, recording and imposing the targets of the Inspection scheme, as shown in Figure 1 (Balasubramanian, 2017).

Enrolment Protocol And Evaluation

A thorough evaluation of the administrative authority is completed to decide the equality of vital structures and competencies. Fresh and old applicants must meet specific criteria. The association’s organization is supervised based on

1. Non–segregation and equivalent treatment
2. Non–duplication with part specialists

The evaluation needs a framework overview assessment and permitting, quality framework, authoritative necessities and overseer preparing.

Enrolment protocol is split into 2 sections. **Protocol to Pre-Acquisition**

The period for this process is for 3-6 months in which the applicant authority's evaluation and review of the discrepancies of PIC/S are performed. If the inspectorate is in the state mentioned below, then only pre-accession is required.

1. The Good Manufacturing Practices Guide for
2. Board of inspection didn't undergo customary
3. Board of inspection is unsure in the event that it meets the models of
4. The Board of investigation has still not enacted a comparative Quality system in accordance with the suggested (PIC/S9PI002)
5. The Board of investigation has requested to experience the pre-accession process (PIC/S, 2019).
### Table 3: Co-Relation of GMP Manual of Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection Pharmaceuticals and GMP Manual of World Health Organization

| Subject                  | Gmp manual of inspection scheme for pharmaceuticals | Gmp manual of world health organization |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Regulation of Quality    | section 1 incorporates                               | Annex 3                                |
|                          | 1. Quality framework of pharmaceuticals             | a. proof of Quality control            |
|                          | 2. Best industrial procedure for medical             | 1. Premium Product quality review       |
|                          | drugs (GMP)                                         | b. health quality standards for        |
|                          | 3. Approximate Quality control                      | prescription products                  |
|                          | 4. Premium Product quality review                    | 17. Good practices in quality control   |
|                          | 5. Performance risk assessment (QRM)                 | (17.1-17.5)                            |
| Personnel                | Chapter 2 includes                                   | Annex 3                                |
|                          | 1. Key personnel                                     | 3. Sanitation and hygiene              |
|                          | 2. Training                                          | 9. Personnel                           |
|                          | 3. Personnel hygiene                                 | 1. General                             |
|                          |                                                       | 2. Key work force                      |
|                          |                                                       | 10. Coaching                           |
|                          |                                                       | 11. Hygiene of staff                   |
| Locations and Installa-  | Chapter 3 includes                                   | Annex 3                                |
| tions                   | a. Locations                                         | 12. Locations                          |
|                          | 1. General                                           | 1. General                             |
|                          | 2. Manufacturing area                                | 2. Auxiliary areas                     |
|                          | 3. Zone of storage                                   | 3. Zone of Storage                     |
|                          | 4. Areas of Quality management                       | 4. Measuring region                    |
|                          | 5. Auxiliary areas                                   | 5. Manufacturing zone                  |
|                          | b. Installations                                     | 6. Zone of Quality management          |
|                          |                                                       | 13. Installations                      |
| Documentation            | Chapter 4 includes                                   | Annex 3                                |
|                          | 1. The GMP documentation Requested (by type)         | 15. Documentation                      |
|                          | 2. Data production and tracking                      | 1. General                             |
|                          | 3. Best standards for accounting                     | 2. Documents required                  |
|                          | 4. Documents withheld                                |                                         |
|                          | 5. Determination of parameters                       |                                         |
|                          | 6. Formula for production and instructions for       |                                         |
|                          | processing                                          |                                         |
|                          | 7. Methods and registers                             |                                         |
| Production               | Chapter 5 includes                                   | Annex 3                                |
|                          | 1. Starting materials                                | 3. Sanitation and hygiene              |
|                          | 2. Processing operations-intermediate and bulk       | 4. Qualification and validation         |
|                          | products                                             | 14. Materials                          |
|                          | 3. Packaging materials                               | 16. Good practices in production       |
|                          | 4. Packing operations                                |                                         |
|                          | 5. Validation                                        |                                         |
|                          | 6. Finished products                                 |                                         |
|                          | 7. Rejected, recovered and returned products         |                                         |
|                          | 8. Product shortage due to manufacturing constraints |                                         |
|                          | 9. Prevention of cross contamination in production   |                                         |
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| Subject                         | Gmp manual of inspection scheme for pharmaceuticals | Gmp manual of world health organization |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Quality control                 | Chapter 6 includes                                  | Annex 3                                 |
|                                 | a. Good quality control laboratory practice        | 17. Good practices in quality control   |
|                                 | 1. Documentation                                    | 1. Test requirements                     |
|                                 | 2. Testing                                          | 2. Batch record review                   |
|                                 | 3. Sampling                                         | 3. Stability studies                     |
|                                 | 4. On-going stability programme                      | 4. Control of starting materials,        |
|                                 | 5. Technical transfer of testing methods             | intermediate, bulk and finished products|
| Contract manufacturing and      | Chapter 7 includes                                  | Annex 3                                 |
| control                         | a. Outsources activities                            | 7. Contract production and analysis      |
|                                 | 1. General                                          | 1. General                              |
|                                 | 2. Contract giver                                   | 2. Contract giver                       |
|                                 | 3. Contract acceptor                                | 3. Contract acceptor                     |
|                                 | 4. The contract                                     | 4. The contract                         |
| Complaint and product recall    | Chapter 8 includes                                  | Annex 3                                 |
|                                 | 1. Personnel and organization                       | 5. Complaints                           |
|                                 | 2. Procedures for handling and investigating        | 6. Recalls                              |
|                                 | complaints, including possible                      |                                        |
|                                 | 3. Quality defects                                  |                                        |
|                                 | 4. Investigation and decision making                |                                        |
|                                 | 5. Root cause analysis and corrective and preventive|                                        |
|                                 | actions                                             |                                        |
|                                 | 6. Product recalls and other potential risk-reducing|                                        |
|                                 | actions                                             |                                        |
| Self-Inspection                 | Chapter 9 includes                                  | Annex 3                                 |
|                                 | Self inspection                                     | 8. self-inspection, quality audits and  |
|                                 | 1. Principle                                        | suppliers’ audits and approval          |
|                                 |                                                     | 1. Items for self inspection           |
|                                 |                                                     | 2. Frequency of self-inspection         |
|                                 |                                                     | 3. Self-inspection team                 |
|                                 |                                                     | 4. Quality audit                       |
|                                 |                                                     | 5. Suppliers audit and approval         |

**Protocol to Acquisition**

It is tedious which procedure gives the inspectorate sufficient opportunity to finish the archive and incorporate all necessary documentation supporting the interpretation. Inspectorate may need to set aside fundamental measures during this effort to meet the pre-requisites of the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection and give sufficient opportunity to the national business consistence with GMP Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection direct (Patel, 2015).

**Benefits**

Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection gives the participating agencies a range of advantages. A portion of the key preferences of Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection participation for medicines Regulatory Authorities are recorded beneath

1. High principles
The organizational structure of PIC/s consists of

![Organizational Structure of PIC/S](image)

Figure 1: Organizational structure of PIC/S

1. Openings for training
2. Sharing of data
3. Facilitating the finish of different understandings
4. Harmonization of GMP worldwide
5. Networking
6. Rapid ready framework

Membership of this Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection includes circuitous advantages to industry when their pertinent Medicines Regulatory Authority turns to a Member of this Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection.

1. Cost investment funds;
2. Enhanced advertise get to;
3. Reduced duplication of investigations;
4. Export assistance.

This Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection isn’t an economic accord, yet the participation will advance pharmaceutical fares. Some Non-scheme specialists accept Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection participating Authorities Good Manufacturing Practice authentications. This implies non-Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection specialists and associations, in nations where the administrative authority is the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection participating Authority, have more prominent trust in medications delivered. Therefore, the pharmaceutical business in these countries benefits from registration (ISPE, 2019).

**Co-Operation Scheme For The Pharmaceutical Inspection For Good Manufacturing Practices Guide**

So as to additionally encourage the disposal and trade of limitations in therapeutic items, to advance consistency in authorizing choices and to guarantee the keeping up of over-the-top necessities of best affirmation within the turn of events, assembling and control of therapeutic items, the accompanying manual for Good Manufacturing Practice for therapeutic Products and their Additions have been received.

This guide is part into 2 sections and a few additions which are regular to both the sections. Section I manages Good Manufacturing Practice principles for the creation of therapeutic products. Section II manages Good Manufacturing Practice for active substances utilised as beginning materials. The extensions give subtleties on explicit zones of movement. For some assembling forms, various additions will apply at the same time (for example, attach on clean arrangements and radio-pharmaceuticals as well as on natural restorative items). A glossary of certain terms utilised in the guide has been consolidated after the additions. A particular glossary for API’s can be found toward the finish of part II.

**GMP Guide to Section-I**
This guide was initially evolved from the WHO Good Manufacturing Practices to satisfy severe assembling and wellbeing principles in Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection nations to cover new regions (for example, biologics, radio-pharmaceuticals, and so on) and to adjust to logical and modern innovation (for example biotech, parametric discharged and so forth) and to fulfill new guidelines around there and, to agree to the necessities of PIC/S wellbeing. The point of such enhancements was to guarantee that therapeutic results of the top-notch were delivered as per the Convention for pharmaceutical inspection and afterwards the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection.

In 1989, the European Union received its own Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices that was identical to the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice as it respects GMP necessities. The European Union and Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection Guidelines to GMP have been created in equal and the other is modified to make the two guides basically comparable when a change has been made.

Anyway, there are a few varieties between the two aides, as shown in Tables 3 and 4. Coming up next are the distinctions

1. The meaning of pharmaceutical item (alluded to as “Medicinal Product” in this Guide), which is found in Article 1 of the pharmaceutical review show that has been held.

2. Removal of references to the European Union directives and to MRA's has been done.

3. The articulation “authorized person” is utilized in the Manual of inspection scheme while the articulation “Qualified Person” is utilized in the Manual of European Union.

4. Since all not taking an interest Authorities under the inspection Scheme are gatherings to the European Pharmacopoeia show, the notice of “European Pharmacopoeia” in the manual has been changed to pursue “European or other important Pharmacopoeia”.

**GMP Guide to Section-II**

On 22nd May 2001, the Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection committee adopted the “Good Manufacturing Practice manual for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients” (ICH Q7), which was developed as a stand-alone Manual (PE007) by the International Conference on Harmonizing Technical Requirements for the Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). It is checked that, before heading to ICH, the key draft of this manual of good manufacturing practices for API was prepared by the Inspection scheme. The inspection scheme committee chose to make it section-II of the present manual at its meeting in Dusseldorf on 29-30 May 2006 (Patel, 2015).

**Significance Of Compliance With Co-Operation Scheme For The Pharmaceutical Inspection**

For any pharmaceutical manufacturers exporting to different countries, consistency with the guidelines of a co-operation scheme for the pharmaceutical inspection, best production practices (GMP) will be a priority, with US Administration entering a co-operation scheme for the pharmaceutical inspection.

*For Instance*

“Company X ships products to Australia, Singapore and Malaysia. They have been audited by the Australian regulatory body, The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and have been granted a GMP licence. As Australia, Singapore and Malaysia are all members of PIC/S, Singapore and Malaysia will accept company X’s products without their regulatory bodies without performing an audit on company X. Once one PIC/S member country has confirmed that a manufacturer meets GMP requirements, then all other PIC/S member countries will usually accept the GMP certification without performing and inspection and assessment themselves.”

Therefore, the regulatory pressure and cost for selling the drug to several countries would be greatly decreased if classified as Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection GMP compliant (Pharmastate Blog, 2018).

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection implementation has brought amicability between Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection and the convention for pharmaceutical inspection. It has achieved a common perception between participating countries with respect to best production practices (GMP) for therapeutic products. Norms of WHO-GMP are preferred managed over GMP of Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection norms, yet Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection has its own focal points. By expelling boundaries in the other member states Authorities, they help them...
to exchange the medicinal as they all consent to similar guidelines to Co-Operation Scheme for the Pharmaceutical Inspection. All in all, the inspection scheme encouraged pharmaceutical makers, reviewers, inspectorates and government in sparing time, cost of medicate endorsement methods and improve the consumer demand.

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