Press release: Belgian Medicines Verification System goes Live

References:

- Falsified Medicines
- Directive 2011/62/EU
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/161
- Belgian Medicines Verification Organisation (BeMVO)
- Pharmaceutical supply chain

In order to comply with the falsified medicines directive and the delegated regulation Belgium is on schedule to have all systems ready. The falsified medicines directive instructs all EU member states to build a pan-European verification system with a local repository where all unique package codes are stored in a secured environment.

The Belgian Medicines Verification System is now Live and connected to the European Hub. The verification system will allow the different actors in the pharmaceutical supply chain, such as pharmaceutical wholesalers, pharmacies and hospitals, to verify if the product delivered to the patient is not falsified.

With this Go Live, Belgium is one of the leading countries in the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive in Europe.

With this major milestone in the implementation of the European Directive and Delegated Regulation on preventing falsified medicines to enter the legal supply chain in Belgium, the manufacturers of the medicines can start uploading their product data in the Belgian system.
In parallel the pharmaceutical wholesalers, pharmacies and hospitals can also start connecting their systems to this verification repository and ensure to be ready in time when the Directive becomes effective on the 9th of February 2019.

An early connection to the verification system will allow to run a longer validation period to identify potential issues and prevent disruption in the daily functioning of supply chain actors providing health care services to the patients. It is now time for all end users to connect to learn and understand all requirements.

The Belgian Medicines Verification system is a supra-national system that will be used by the manufacturers and the supply chain actors in both Belgium and Luxembourg.

This major step in the project was achieved thanks to the commitment and efforts of the BeMVO and all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive in Belgium and Luxembourg.
At national level, the strong alignment between the different stakeholder associations represented in the Board of the BeMVO (manufacturer associations, parallel importers, wholesaler asscociations, public pharmacy and hospital pharmacy associations) made it possible to take the appropriate measures and decisions to set the pace for a streamlined project governance. The Board of the BeMVO was hereby supported by a dedicated operational team focusing on implementation efficiency and ensuring that all aspects of this complex project were addressed within the sharp timelines.

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