International Conference

Towards the practical implementation of the Council of Europe convention on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention)

15-16 April 2010, Basel, Switzerland

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TOWARDS THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON COUNTERFEITING OF MEDICAL PRODUCTS AND SIMILAR CRIMES INVOLVING THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICRIME CONVENTION)

Background and objectives
The Council of Europe drafted a convention which constitutes, for the first time in world history, a binding international treaty in the criminal law field on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME convention).

Safeguarding of public health through penal measures against criminal behaviours, protection of victims, promotion of cooperation at national and international levels, and preventive measures are the overarching aims of the above convention.

The core values of the Council of Europe, a pan-European intergovernmental organisation comprising 47 member states in Europe, are the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the promotion of the rule of law and of democracy. The Organisation aims at identifying solutions for challenges faced by today's societies.

Counterfeiting medical products and similar crimes threaten the right to life enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR). Incidences of counterfeit medical products and similar crimes undermine public trust in healthcare systems and authorities' surveillance thereof.

Counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes have a global spread, no country is spared.

The Council of Europe has long been concerned about the absence of harmonised international legislation, non-deterrent sanctions in proportionate to the harm caused to patients, and the involvement of criminal organisations which operate across borders.

Thanks to its pan-European membership and cooperation with states and regions beyond Europe, the Council of Europe was able to embark on developing an international criminal law treaty focusing on public health and with a truly global impact: mandated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and supported by intersecretariat cooperation between the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs and the Directorate General of Social Cohesion through its European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM), the draft text of the above convention was developed in 2007-2009.

The Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products, Swissmedic, is organising under the aegis of the Swiss Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers the present conference in co-operation with the Council of Europe General Secretariat, namely the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM) and the Directorate of Standard-Setting within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs (DG-HL).

Aim of the conference
The aim of this conference is to significantly advance the fight against counterfeit medical products and similar crimes in Europe and worldwide through promoting political support for the practical implementation of the future MEDICRIME convention.

Target audience
The target audience of the conference includes representatives of Health, Judicial and Enforcement authorities, senior officials responsible for policy-making, such as Chief Medical Officers, Chief Pharmaceutical Officers, as well as Heads of Medicines Agencies, State Prosecutors, Heads of Police and Customs Agencies, and relevant international and European institutions and organisations.

Speakers

Details of speakers are listed in the appendix of the programme.

Organisation

Registration		15 April 2010, 7.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m., Congress Center Basel, Messeplatz, registration desk
Coffee break		Congress Center Basel, Messeplatz
Lunch		Congress Center Basel, Messeplatz
Interpretation		There will be simultaneous interpretation (English/French/Russian/Spanish) for all sessions
Proceedings		The proceedings will be published in English and in French
Official dinner		15 April 2010, 7.00 p.m., venue to be confirmed
Press conference		16 April 2010, 12.45 p.m., venue to be confirmed
Under the host's responsibility: Social programme		16 April 2010, afternoon, venue to be confirmed

Thursday, 15 April 2010

Room: LUZERN
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Welcome address and opening

Chair: Ms Petra DÖRR, Member of the Management Board, Swissmedic

9.30 a.m.

Mr Alexander VLADYCHENKO, Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

Ambassador Paul WIDMER, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of Switzerland at the Council of Europe

Mr Bernard MARQUET, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Keynotes

Mr Jan KLEIJSSEN, Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs (DG-HL), Council of Europe

Ms Susanne KEITEL, Director, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM), Directorate General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

Mr Andrew JACKSON, Vice President, Head Global Corporate Security, Novartis International AG

10.45 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. *Coffee break*

Session 1: "PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION: WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FUTURE MEDICRIME CONVENTION?"

1.1 Purpose, needs and benefits

Chair: Mr Alexander VLADYCHENKO, Council of Europe

11.15 a.m.	Purpose & objectives	Mr Fritz ZEDER, Chair of the former Ad hoc Committee on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (PC-ISP) Mr Kristian BARTHOLIN, Council of Europe
11.35 a.m.	Need and benefits for public health protection: different perspectives	Ms Popi KANARI, State General Laboratory, Cyprus Mr Richard GUTOWSKI, MHRA, United Kingdom
12.00 noon	DISCUSSION	

12.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. *Lunch break*

Session 2: "HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE FUTURE MEDICRIME CONVENTION INTO NATIONAL LAW?"

1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

2.1 Counterfeiting & similar crimes threatening public health: substantive criminal law

Chair: Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, Council of Europe

1.30 p.m.	Considerations of the drafters of the MEDICRIME convention	Ms Françoise BAISSUS, Ministry of Justice, France
1.40 p.m.	Swiss legislation & practices: possible approaches for implementation	Mr Matthias STACCHETTI, Swissmedic, Penal Division
1.50 p.m.	United Kingdom legislation & practices: possible approaches for implementation	Mr Mick DEATS, MHRA, United Kingdom
2.00 p.m.	Europol perspectives: the impact of the MEDICRIME Convention and the role of the Europol in the fight against counterfeit and similarly dangerous medical products	Mr Carlo VAN HEUCKELOM, Europol
2.10 p.m.	DISCUSSION	

2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

2.2 How to prevent harm and to protect public health

Chairs: Ms Elena TELNOVA, *Roszdravnadzor*, Russian Federation & Mr Kent WOODS, MHRA, United Kingdom

2.30 p.m.	Considerations of the drafters of the MEDICRIME convention	Mr Roy VANCAUWENBERGHE, Federal Agency Medicines and Health Protection, Belgium
2.40 p.m.	INFARMED anti-counterfeiting strategy and its outcomes & approaches for implementation	Mr Vasco DE JESUS MARIA, INFARMED, Portugal
2.50 p.m.	Promotion of public awareness in Sweden & approaches for implementation	Mr Johan LINDBERG, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden[1]
3.00 p.m.	Preventive measures in Europe & EDQM contribution	Mr Jean-Marc SPIESER, EDQM, Council of Europe
3.10 p.m.	DISCUSSION	

3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Coffee break

[1] Presentation given by Ms Sara ROSENMÜLLER, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

2.3 How to facilitate multisectorial cooperation at national level

Chairs: Ms Fabienne BARTOLI, AFSSAPS, France & Ms Zofia ULZ, Ministry of Health, Poland

4.00 p.m.	Considerations of the drafters of the MEDICRIME convention	Mr Hugo BONAR, Irish Medicines Board
4.10 p.m.	Cooperation in Switzerland: experiences & possible approaches for implementation	Ms Ruth MOSIMANN, Swissmedic, Switzerland
4.20 p.m.	Cooperation in Belgium: experiences & possible approaches for implementation	Ms Josiane VAN DER ELST, Federal Agency Medicines and Health Products, Belgium
4.30 p.m.	Cooperation in Italy: experiences & possible approaches for implementation	Mr Cosimo PICCINNO, N.A.S., Italy
4.40 p.m.	DISCUSSION	

5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

2.4 Tackling a transborder crime – international jurisdiction

Chair: Mr Jesper HJORTENBERG, Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Denmark

5.00 p.m.	Introduction & considerations of the drafters of the MEDICRIME convention	Ms Ksenija TURKOVIĆ, University of Zagreb, Croatia
5.10 p.m.	Provisions on jurisdiction in Council of Europe Conventions	Mr Claude DEBRULLE, Chair of the former Ad hoc Group of Specialists on Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products (PC-S-CP), Council of Europe
5.20 p.m.	WCO perspectives: the impact of the MEDICRIME Convention and the role of the WCO in the fight against counterfeit and similarly dangerous medical products	Ms Susanne AIGNER, World Customs Organisation (WCO)
5.30 p.m.	DISCUSSION	
5.45 p.m.	**Closing**	
7.00 p.m	*Official dinner*	

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Cont.: Session 2: "HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE FUTURE MEDICRIME CONVENTION INTO NATIONAL LAW?"

9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

2.5 How to facilitate multisectorial cooperation at international level

Chair: Mr Hugo HURTS, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands

9.00 a.m.	Considerations of the drafters of the future MEDICRIME convention	Mr Joao MARTINS, INFARMED, Portugal
9.10 a.m.	Situation in Ireland: approaches for implementation	Mr Pat O'MAHONEY, Irish Medicines Board[2]
9.20 a.m.	Interpol multisectorial cooperation: suggestions for implementation	Ms Aline PLANCON, Headquarter, Interpol, France
9.30 a.m.	How to interface with industry: suggestions for implementation	Mr Ashley HOW, PSI, United Kingdom
9.40 a.m.	To be confirmed	Mr Christian TOURNIE, European Commission, Directorate General Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
9.50 a.m	DISCUSSION	
10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	*Coffee break*	

Session 3: "DEVELOPING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITH A GLOBAL IMPACT – ASSOCIATING STATES AND REINFORCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION"

10.45 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

3.1 Outlook and perspectives

Chair: Mr Kristian BARTHOLIN, Council of Europe & Ms Sabine KOPP, WHO

10.45 a.m.	Introduction	Mr Bart WIJNBERG, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands
10.55 a.m.	Outlook & perspectives	Ms Choo Ai Ruth LEE, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore
11. 05 a.m.	Outlook & perspectives	Mr Dirceu RAPOSO DE MELLO, ANVISA, Brazil

[2] Presentation given by Mr Hugo BONAR, Irish Medicines Board