

# THE EUROPEAN DIRECTORATE FOR THE QUALITY OF MEDICINES & HEALTHCARE (EDQM)



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## How to Participate in the Elaboration and Revision of Monographs

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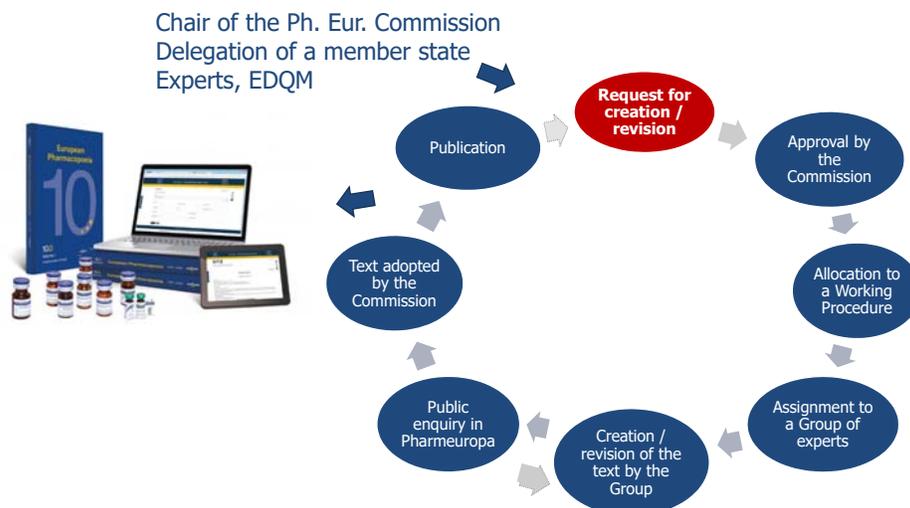
# Basis for Monographs

- ✓ Monographs must take account of all currently **approved products**
- ✓ **Approved specification(s)** are the main basis backed up by **batch data**
- ✓ Draft monographs are checked by **users** including **regulatory authorities** at Pharmeuropa stage
- ✓ Policy for monograph development is given in:  
***Technical Guide for the Elaboration of Monographs***  
(available on the EDQM website)

and specific Technical Guides:



# Creation or Revision of a text



# How to Request a Revision?

- Go the EDQM website: <https://www.edqm.eu/en/submitting-drafts-and-requests-revision>

The screenshot shows the EDQM website interface. At the top, there are logos for the Council of Europe and EDQM. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, About us, European Pharmacopoeia, Reference Standards, Certification of Suitability, OMCL Network, Transfusion & Transplantation, and Patient & Consumer Health Protection. The page title is 'Submitting drafts and requests for revision'. The main content area contains the following text:

The **European Pharmacopoeia Commission** encourages you to submit **draft monographs** or **General Chapters**. Your draft may be the starting point for what could become an official public standard.

You can also propose revisions to a general chapter or monograph already published in the **European Pharmacopoeia**. To ensure that your proposal receives the attention it deserves, please make sure that you highlight the suggested changes clearly. You are also invited to submit any data you may have in support of your proposal.

How can I propose a new monograph or submit a request for revision?

- For **manufacturers and other interested parties from Member States of the Ph. Eur. Convention**; via the **national pharmacopoeia authority**.
- For **others** (*manufacturers and other interested parties from non-Member States of the Ph. Eur. Convention or multinational interested parties, for international organisations and for industry associations and for industry associations*); via the Secretariat in Strasbourg (via the **EDQM HelpDesk**)

Download the **form to request the revision of a monograph or general chapter**.

Additional Information:

- Download all **Technical Guides**
- **Recommendations for the layout of monographs on substances of human and animal origin**
- **What has changed and why: Vaccines for veterinary use (Supplement 3.2.2, Revised February 2013)**

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# Proposing a New Monograph

- ⇒ Contact the **EDQM** [*in Europe: National Pharmacopoeia Authority*]
- ✓ **Initial data:** countries (in Europe) where the product is approved
  - ✓ **Data package:**
    - Current specifications
    - Analytical procedures (SOPs)
    - Method validation reports
    - Batch and stability data
    - Samples of the finished product, substance and impurities
    - Full description of data package is available

# Request for Revision of a Ph. Eur. Text

The image shows two pages of a form titled 'Request for Revision of a Ph. Eur. Text'. The left page is the main request form, and the right page is for supporting data.

**Page 1: Request for Revision of a Monograph or General Chapter**

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concerning: Monograph No. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

URGENT  NOT URGENT

**REASON FOR REVISION:**

- Error in text
- Quality defined by the monograph no longer available
- New source on the market
- Impurity not covered by the monograph: Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - qualified
  - others
- Analytical improvement
- Reagent/equipment no longer available
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR EDQM ONLY:**

- Laboratory PAHF report
- DBO: please specify (in g, BSP, CAP, etc. ...)
- Copy of supporting document (study or meeting report, OMCL testing report, etc...) must accompany the request.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the issuer's suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 2: Data Attached to Support the Request for Revision**

**For a MONOGRAPH, SECTION TO BE REVISED:**

- Title  Definition  Production  Characters
- Identification  Tests  Assay  Storage
- Labeling  Impurities  Functionality-related characteristics  Other characteristics

Sufficient data must accompany the request to enable the group of experts and/or the Commission to decide whether revision of the monograph is necessary. The data should be evaluated in this light by the requester. Wherever possible, a concrete proposal should be made for amendment of the monograph.

validated method of analysis (comparison with the existing method should be provided wherever possible):  
 batch data  typical chromatogram (if applicable)  
 other

Please indicate where samples of the product and any necessary Reference Substance for testing of the revision proposal can be obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Where useful, please indicate suppliers for reagents/equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer(s) identified (name, address ...): \_\_\_\_\_

If urgent revision is requested, please indicate why this is justified: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Data for Revision

- ✓ Revision can only be undertaken if the request is **backed up by sufficient data**
- ✓ Provide **batch data**, sample chromatograms, etc. to enable a decision on the need for revision
- ✓ Supply **validated methods** (if possible, cross-validated against official Ph. Eur. method) and **samples notably for all impurities** controlled by the new method

# And then?

## ❑ Outside Ph. Eur. Member states:

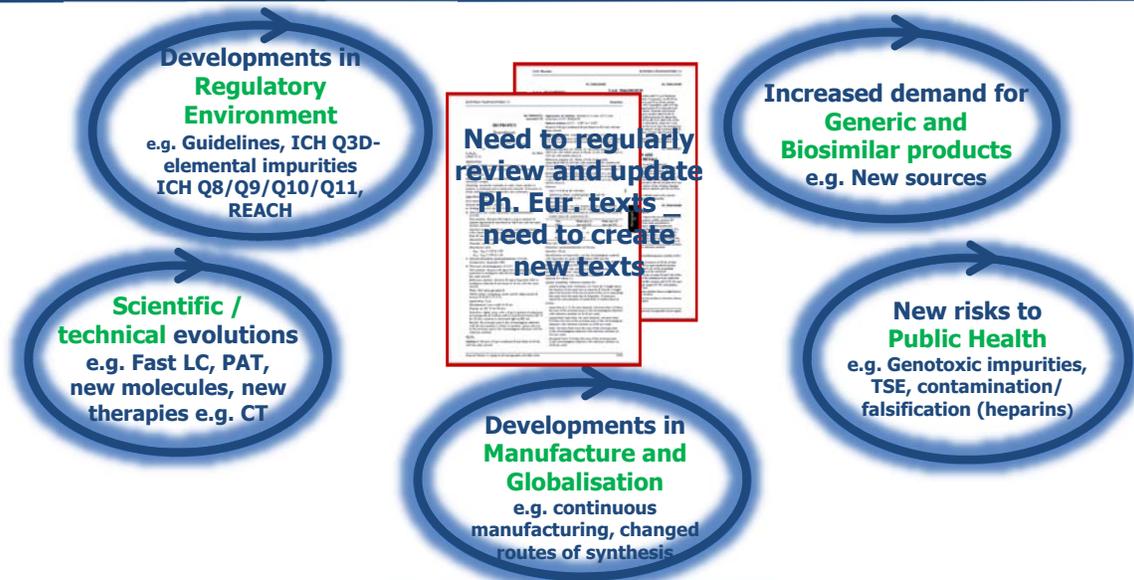
⇒ contact EDQM which will refer the matter to a group of experts or to the Ph. Eur. Commission

## ❑ Ph. Eur. Member states:

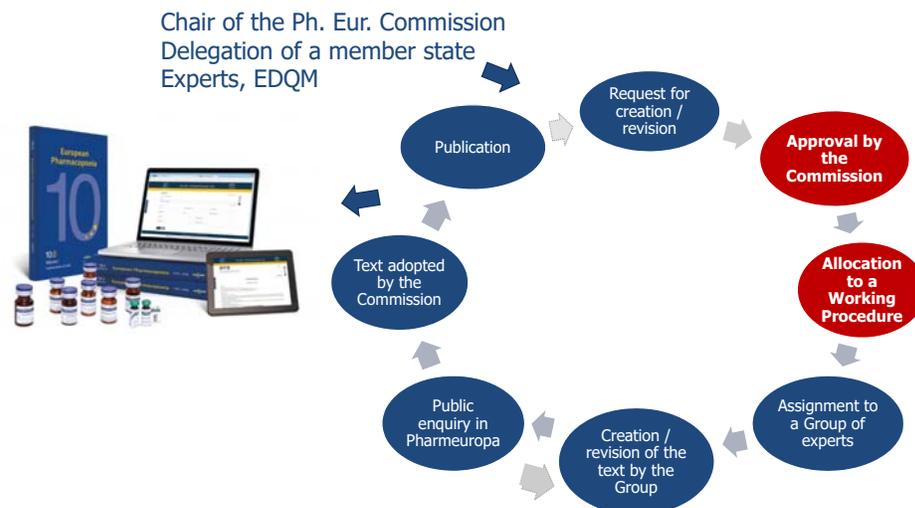
⇒ via National Pharmacopoeia Authority (address list on EDQM website and in Pharmeuropa)

Make clear what needs revising and, if possible, make a **concrete proposal**

# Revision: Why?



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# Revision Programme

- ✓ **Work programme** is announced via EDQM website and to industry associations and pharmacopoeia liaison contacts (<http://www.edqm.eu/en/european-pharmacopoeia-work-programme-607.html>)

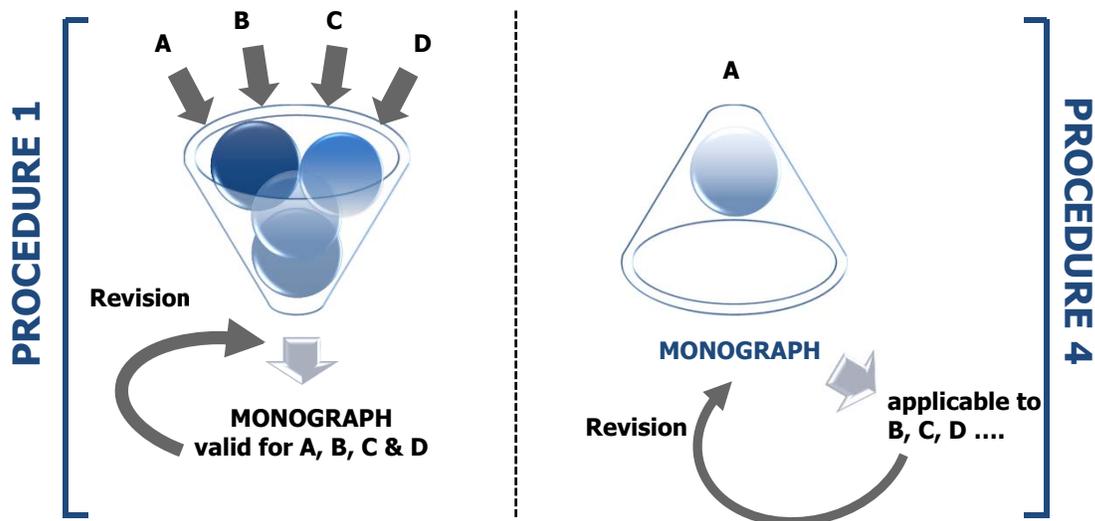
- ✓ **Stakeholders to:**

- **Declare an interest** for relevant items
- Make sure Pharmeuropa is seen for revision proposals
- Provide samples, test draft proposal

# How are Texts Elaborated / Revised?

- ❑ **Procedure 1** (Group of experts):  
Multi-source products and monograph revisions  
On request, data are handled confidentially by EDQM
- ❑ **Procedure 4** (Group of regulators):  
Single-source products, direct co-operation with innovator  
Data are handled confidentially by EDQM

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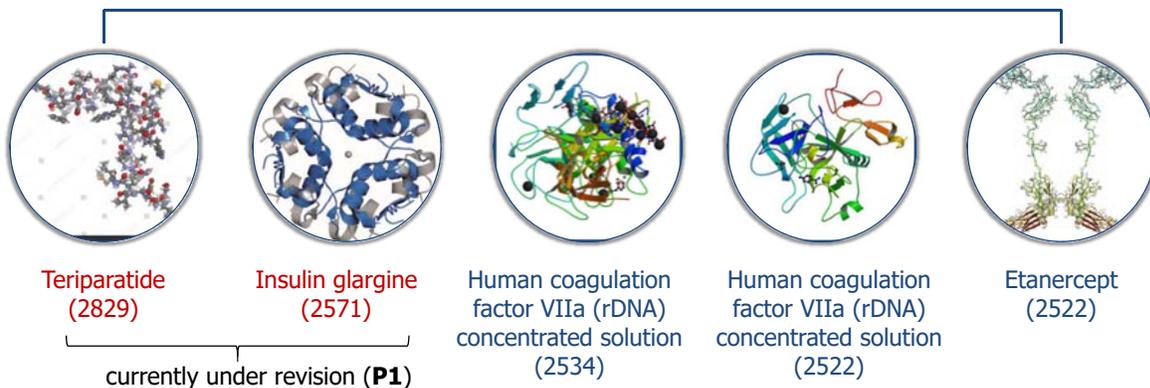


## P4 Procedure: Aim

- ✓ Create monographs for **single-source** substances/finished products (still under patent) with a potential for further generics
- ✓ **Based on authorised** products
- ✓ Monograph ready  $\geq 2$  years before patent expiry (ideally)
- ✓ Possibility of starting elaboration work 5 years after first MA approval
- ✓ **Protection of proprietary information**: expert group P4 solely composed of regulators, OMCLs and EDQM

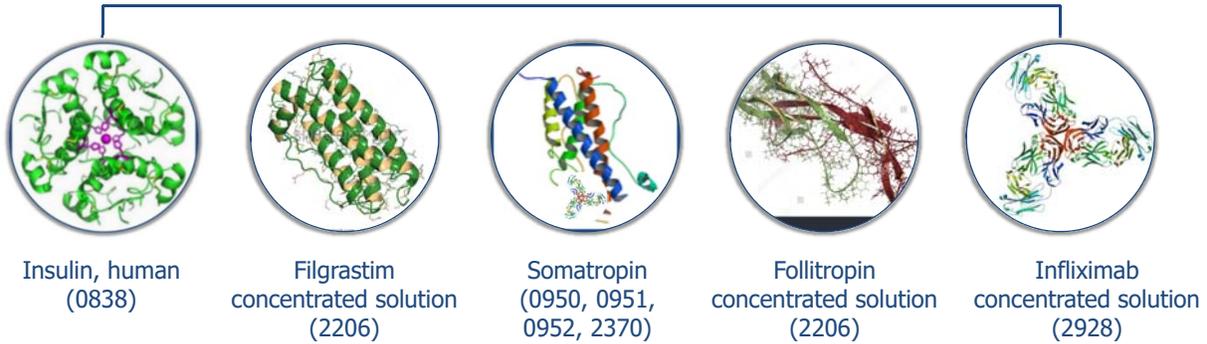
## Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration: P4 Examples

### PROCEDURE 4 (single-source)

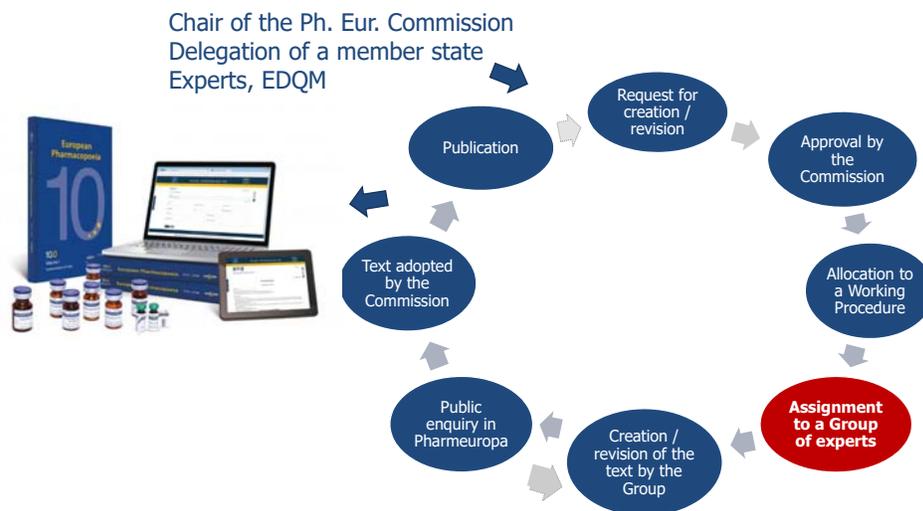


# Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration: P1 Examples

## PROCEDURE 1 (multi-source)



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# By Whom?

- ✓ **Groups of experts and working parties** – appointed by the Ph. Eur. Commission
- ✓ **800 experts** in pharmaceutical sciences from the Ph. Eur. members states and observers
- ✓ The Ph. Eur. Commission has revised its working procedures to open up to the nomination of experts from **non-European Pharmacopoeia member states and non-observers states**
- ✓ EDQM web site: <https://www.edqm.eu/en/join-network>

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## Groups of Experts and Working Parties

The elaboration and revision of methods and texts is carried out by the Ph. Eur. Groups of Experts and Working Parties. Groups of Experts cover the main scientific topics relevant for the quality control of medicinal products and their constituents. Working Parties are appointed for a defined period to deal with a specific aspect of the work or with a specific topic.

The Members of both these groups are appointed by the **European Pharmacopoeia Commission** for a period of three years. While many of our experts work for a national authority (e. g. national pharmacopoeia authority, **official medicines control laboratory**, licensing authorities, inspectorates, etc.), others work in the private sector (pharmaceutical or chemical industry), academia or a research organisation.

These Groups of Experts and Working Parties meet in Strasbourg (France) up to three times a year. Teleconferences may be held between meetings.

The contributions and involvement of these experts are crucial for the elaboration and revision of the **Ph. Eur.**

[Join the Network!](#)

### Additional information

- ▶ [Terms of reference and profile for members of groups of experts and working parties](#)

# Example:

## Group of Experts No. 6B (Human Plasma and Plasma Products)

### Terms of reference

- Drafting and revision of texts in the field of blood products

### Profile for experts

- Current expertise in the field of blood products, notably related to quality control of and development of control methods
- Access to laboratory facilities for verification and validation of methods proposed for inclusion in monographs, *Essential*: Active involvement in laboratory verification of test methods and drafting of texts
- Several years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
  - Quality control of blood products in a pharmaceutical or bulk manufacturing setting
  - Batch release or market surveillance of Human Blood, Plasma and Plasma Products in a regulatory authority
  - Assessment of the relevant parts of applications for marketing authorisation within a medicines agency
  - Quality control of blood products in an independent testing laboratory
  - Method development and verification in a regulatory authority
  - Development of methods for control Human Plasma and Plasma Products in a research and development environment

## CTP Working Party (Cell Therapy Products)

### Terms of reference

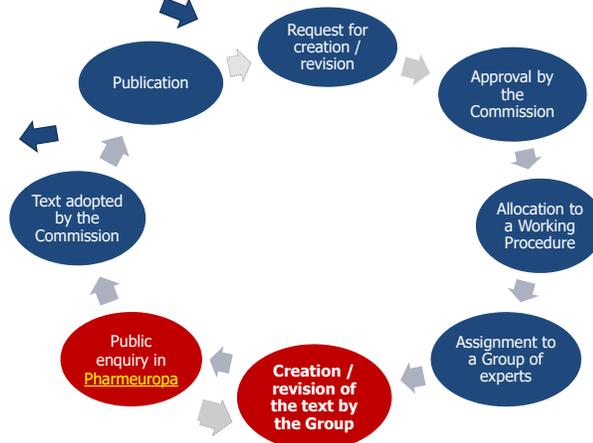
- Revision of general chapter 2.7.29 *Nucleated cell count and viability* in order to update it with new automated technologies for cell enumeration (e.g. image cytometry)
- Revision of Ph. Eur. texts (monographs or chapters) where it might be necessary to account for chapter 5.2.12 *Raw materials of biological origin for the production of cell-based and gene therapy medicinal products*
- Evaluation of the need to revise the introductory statement of the monograph on parenteral preparations (0520) by adding cell-based preparations to the list of preparations to which the monograph does not necessarily apply, and if so, evaluation of the need for a general Ph. Eur. text dealing with cell-based preparations
- Drafting and revision of other texts in the field of cell therapy products

### Profile for experts

- Current expertise in analytical methods related to the development and quality control of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products and/or to the quality control of tissues for human use
- Several years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
  - Development of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products
  - Quality control of cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products in a pharmaceutical manufacturing setting or in a hospital environment and/or microbiological control of tissues and organs used for human transplantation
  - Assessment of applications for marketing authorisation of cell therapy and/or tissue-engineered products
  - Market surveillance of the quality of cell therapy products, tissue-engineered products and/or tissues and organs used for human transplantation in a regulatory authority
  - Pharmaceutical quality control in an independent testing laboratory
  - Development of methods (e.g. microbiological methods) to control cell therapy products and/or tissue-engineered products and/or tissues and organs used for human transplantation in a research and development environment

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Chair of the Ph. Eur. Commission  
Delegation of a member state  
Experts, EDQM



# How to Comment?!



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## How to comment

The Texts for comment database contains proposals for new and revised monographs and general texts that are intended for inclusion in the European Pharmacopoeia and are submitted for public comment. In the case of proposals for revision, text to be deleted is crossed out and replacements or additions are underlined.

According to the Guide for the work of the European Pharmacopoeia:

- for manufacturers and other interested parties from member states of the Ph. Eur. Convention:
  - comments on Pharmeducation texts should be submitted via the national pharmacopoeia authority;
- for manufacturers and other interested parties from non-member states of the Ph. Eur. Convention, and for multinational interested parties:
  - comments on Pharmeducation texts should be submitted preferably via the national pharmacopoeia authority of the member state where the product is authorised;
  - in cases where comments are submitted to the EDQM Helpdesk (preferably as attachments to the enquiry form), please indicate the member state(s) where the product is authorised;
- for industry associations or other associations:
  - communications should be made via the EDQM secretariat.

The addresses of the national pharmacopoeia authorities and of the EDQM are published on the Pharmeducation website under the tab *Useful information*.

In order to facilitate the processing of comments received by the secretariats of the national authorities and the EDQM, please mention in any correspondence the PA/PH reference number indicated at the beginning of each text. If the comment refers to a specific part of the text, please also mention the corresponding line number. This number can be found in the HTML version of the text on Pharmeducation online, in the Texts for comment database.

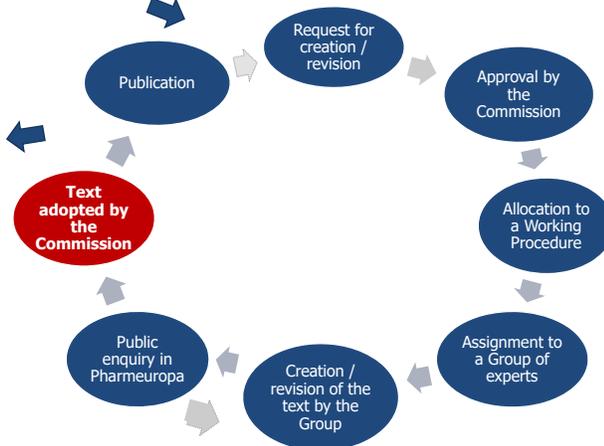
Comments that propose modifications of limits should be supported by analytical data obtained on a significant number of batches. Proposed changes of methodology should be supported by experimental results of a comparative trial of the method published in Pharmeducation for comment and the proposed alternative.

**Only comments sent before the deadline indicated at the top of each text will be considered for the preparation of the final version.**

It is stressed that these proposals have not been adopted by the European Pharmacopoeia Commission and must not be regarded as official texts.

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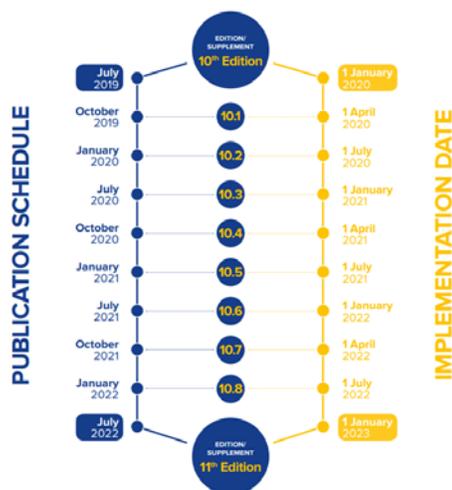


## Adoption of the Text (New or Revised)

- ✓ **Submission** to Ph. Eur. Commission for adoption
- ✓ **Publication** in the Ph. Eur.
- ✓ **Implementation** 1 year after adoption (see publication schedule available on website)

 **Overall timescale:**  
minimum 2 years

Including 5 months for public enquiry and at least 6 months between adoption and publication



## After Revision: Why ?

**FAQ: "Why did you revise the monograph on...?"**

⇒ The answer can be found out via:

- ✓ Briefing notes in **Pharmeuropa**
- ✓ Collected briefing notes posted on the **website** for each new edition/supplement  
(<http://pharmeuropa.edqm.eu/home/menupage/English/Useful%20Information/Supplementcomments82.pdf>)
- ✓ **Knowledge database** (monograph history)

No briefing notes for corrections

## Text under Elaboration

- 0 The monograph has been authorised but work has not started yet
- 1 Work has started (first draft)
- 2 The monograph has been authorised for publication in Pharmeuropa (see Pharmeuropa number)
- 3 The monograph has been submitted for adoption to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission
- 4 The monograph has been adopted
- 5 The monograph is about to be published, or has been published (see the supplement number indicated and the calendar of the editions below)

Status	Elaboration
Monograph Number	20632
English Name	Test for bacterial endotoxins using recombinant factor C (2.6.32.)
French Name	Essai des endotoxines bactériennes par la méthode du facteur C recombinant (2.6.32.)
Latin Name	
Pinyin Name	
Chinese Name	
Pharmeuropa	31.1
Published in English Supplement	
Published in French Supplement	
On-going	Elaboration
State of work	4 - DEF
Pharmeuropa	31.1
Description	
Chromatogram	Not available
Additional information	Not available
History	
Interchangeable (ICH_Q4B)	NO
Pharmacopoeial harmonisation	NO
Reference standards	
Practical Information	Test(s) Brand Name/Information
CEP	

The number of the last issue of Pharmeuropa into which a draft of the monograph was published

The section reflects the status of the text with regard to the work of:

- the Pharmacopoeia Discussion Group (PDG), a joint collaboration between the United States Pharmacopoeia, the Japanese Pharmacopoeia and the European Pharmacopoeia.
- the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) Quality Guideline on Evaluation and Recommendation of Pharmacopoeial Texts for Use in the ICH (Q4B).

Further information can be found in chapter 5.8 (Pharmacopoeial Harmonisation) of the European Pharmacopoeia.

## Text under Revision

On-going revision

Status	In use																											
Monograph Number	00780																											
English Name	Oxytocin																											
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Latin Name	Oxytocinum																											
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Pharmeuropa	21.3																											
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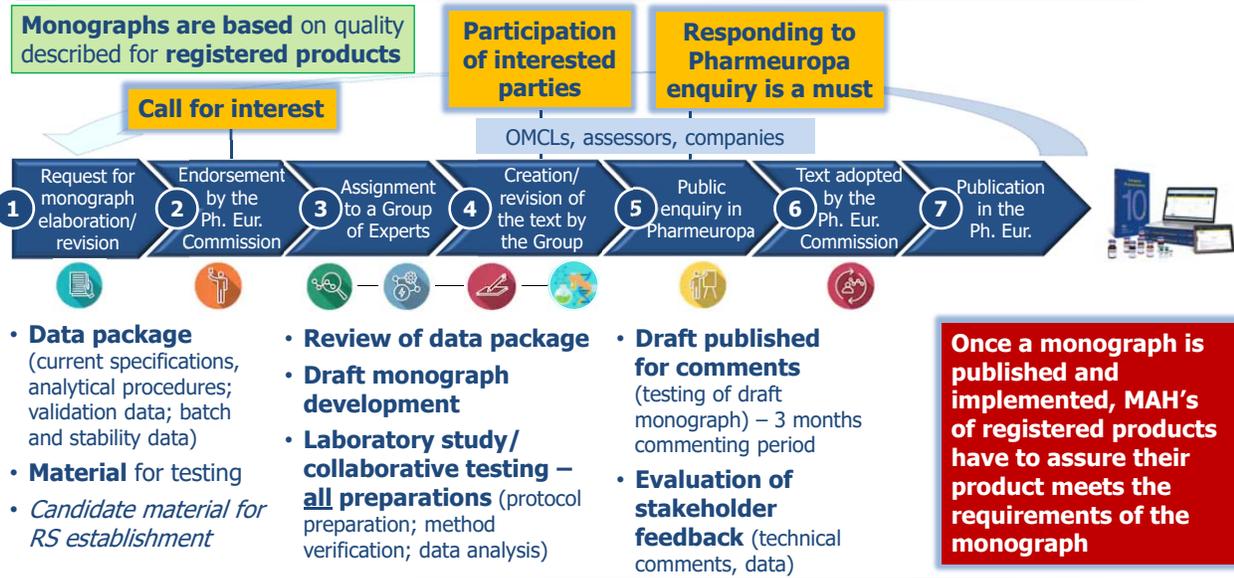
- Aim of the revision  
- State of work  
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**History:** contains information concerning certain technical modifications to some revised/corrected texts published since Ph. Eur. 5.0. This information complements the modifications indicated by lines in the margin in the supplements and is not necessarily exhaustive.

For guidance purposes: provides additional information to users e.g. column / trade names

If certificate(s) of suitability have been granted for the substance in question, their list is shown. This is an excerpt from the online List of CEP.

# Ph. Eur. Monograph Elaboration/Revision: to Summarise



## Pharmacopoeia Liaison

- ✓ EDQM wishes to have a **pharmacopoeia liaison contact** for each major manufacturer/user
- ✓ Channel information and requests from manufacturer to EDQM
- ✓ Reception point for contact by EDQM
- ✓ **Benefits for both sides**

# Thank you for your attention

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