

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF MEDICINES AS REGARDS THEIR SUPPLY (CD-P-PH/PHO)

Set up by the European Committee on Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Care (CD-P-PH) in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2022 until 31 December 2025**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME ▼	
Pillar: Rule of Law Programme: Action against crime, security and protection of citizens Sub-programme: Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM, European Pharmacopoeia)	
DELIVERABLES ▼	
Under the authority of the CD-P-PH, the CD-P-PH/PHO is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:	
	Deadline ▼
1. Report on best practices for reclassification of medicines	31/12/2022
2. Revised Committee of Ministers Resolution ResAP(2007)2 on good practices for distributing medicines via mail order (in cooperation with the Committee of Experts on Minimising Public Health Risks Posed by Falsification of Medical Products and Similar Crimes (CD-P-PH/CMED) and Committee of Experts on Quality and Safety Standards in Pharmaceutical Practices and Pharmaceutical Care (CD-P-PH/PC))	31/12/2022
3. Biannual revisions of the appendices of Committee of Ministers Resolution CM/Res(2018)1 on the classification of medicines as regards their supply	2022-2025
4. Compilation of evidence-based classification reviews focusing on therapeutic classes of medicines relevant for public health but not harmonised in terms of classification status	2022-2025
5. Biannual updates of the Melclass database with comprehensive data collection on classification of medicines in Council of Europe member States	2022-2025
6. Biannual monitoring of medication safety issues and their potential impact on the classification status of medicines	2022-2025
7. Organisation of an event to promote the harmonisation of the classification of medicines across Council of Europe member States	2024-2025
COMPOSITION ▼	
Members: Governments of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia are invited to designate a representative from the relevant health authorities. The representatives may include experts responsible for the preparation and follow-up of national policies in the field of the classification of medicines as regards their supply. Each member of the CD-P-PH/PHO shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting. The sending authorities of the member States will bear the travel and subsistence expenses for their representatives' participation in the meetings of the CD-P-PH/PHO. The travel and subsistence expenses of the Chair for participating in the meetings of the CD-P-PH/PHO will be borne by the EDQM budget.	
Participants: The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;- European Court of Human Rights;- Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.	

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Council of Europe member States other than those mentioned above under “Members” and other States with observer status to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission;
- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- World Health Organization (WHO).

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant cooperation activities;
- International professional societies, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on topics related to the tasks of the CD-P-PH/PHO.

WORKING METHODS ▼

Plenary meetings ▼			
	Members	Meetings	Days
2022	39	2	2
2023	39	2	2
2024	39	2	2
2025	39	2	2

Representatives taking part in the CD-P-PH/PHO and, if applicable, its subordinate working groups shall complete a declaration of interest and confidentiality undertaking form.

The rules of procedure of the CD-P-PH/PHO are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

The CD-P-PH/PHO holds two regular meetings a year and carries out its programme of activities using scientific and public health oriented approaches, structured and systematic approaches for proposals for new projects and for carrying out repeated activities such as surveys.

With a view to reaching its objectives and to enabling multidisciplinary working methods, the CD-P-PH/PHO may arrange consultations, by means of hearings or by any other means, and organise conferences and seminars, as appropriate. Where necessary, in order to expedite the progress of its work, the CD-P-PH/PHO may entrust a limited number of its members with a specific task.

When appropriate, it will prioritise environmentally sound working methods, such as virtual meetings facilitated by information technology and written consultations.