

# INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE – PHARMACOPOEIAL EVOLUTION

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Over 1,200 excipients in  
use

Can represent up to 95%  
of the formulation

Patients consume more  
excipients than active  
ingredients

Serve important functions in  
formulations



Harmonisation of individual monographs is Critical, but cannot occur without harmonization of general test chapters

Harmonisation has been proven to be slow and challenging

Harmonisation is politically difficult



Pharmacopoeial Harmonisation has been limited to PDG & original ICH countries

PDG expansion is not an option

ICH does not want to reopen ICH Q4B

## RISKS???

- Is there a true risk to patients (quality & safety) from EU or Japan visiting the USA, and then taking a medicine that was tested only to the USP requirement (or vice-versa)?
- Is there a risk on that basis alone?



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## BENEFITS OF A NEW APPROACH

- Provides industry, regulators and patients with a single standard
- Coordination of resources (regulators/pharmacopoeias/industry)
- Clarity and consistency in quality testing
- Supports global filings and inspections
- Supports the complex supply chain
- Facilitates the procurement process

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## COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS REPORT



No single government regulator can support innovation and regulate products developed in facilities are the world



There are approximately 300,000 facilities worldwide in over 150 countries



Fragmented standards and regulations make it easier for less scrupulous healthcare product participants to gain entry to markets



Uniform quality standards across global markets can mitigate this Increases trust



## FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENCE

### What is it?

- Performs the same function and provides the same utility

### How is it used?

- Allows recognition of standards where they are focused on public health, safety, quality

### Opportunities

- All compendia are focused on public health and safety



## EVOLUTION OF REGULATORY SYSTEMS

QUALITY RISK  
MANAGEMENT (ICHQ  
Q9)

MUTUAL RECOGNITION  
AGREEMENTS

ICH EXPANSION

PIC/S EXPANSION

ICMRA (INTERNATIONAL  
COALITION OF  
MEDICINES  
REGULATORY  
AUTHORITIES)

IPRP (INTERNATIONAL  
PHARMACEUTICAL  
REGULATORS  
PROGRAMME)



## PIC/S (PHARMACEUTICAL INSPECTORATE COOPERATION SCHEME)

Harmonisation of  
GMP/GDP is  
fundamental to  
PIC/s

Pharmacopoeial  
compliance/ testing  
is fundamental to  
GMP

Common standards  
are necessary to  
accept inspection  
results

