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An Updated Review on Drug Regulatory Affairs

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Abstract: *The field of regulatory affairs (RA) serves as a link between the global pharmaceutical sector and regulators. It was created in response to governments' desire to safeguard the public's health by regulating the efficacy and safety of pharmaceuticals, veterinary drugs, medical equipment, pesticides, agricultural chemicals, cosmetics, and other goods. Companies that are in charge of the development, manufacture, testing, and sale of these products aim to guarantee that they deliver safe and efficient goods for the welfare of the general public. Different registration criteria for pharmaceutical products are covered by pharmaceutical drug regulatory affairs. As a result of the demand for superior quality medicine that includes safety and efficacy in the areas of not only pharmacy but also veterinary medicine, medical devices, insecticides, pesticides, agrochemicals, cosmetic, and supplementary medicine, a new profession called pharmacy was created. Additionally, it created a connection between the pharmaceutical corporation and the regulating bodies. Maintaining the appropriateness and accuracy of the product information is another duty assigned to it. And its primary responsibility is to serve as a point of contact for regulatory agencies, providing expertise and regulatory intelligence in translating regulatory requirements into realistic, workable plans, and advising the company on regulatory aspects and the regulatory environment that would affect their proposed projects..*

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Background: There is still a lack of information on the usage of GLP-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RA) in individuals with established heart failure (HF).

Methods: Patients with established HF who received GLP-1RA and had at least two visits at Cardiometabolic Center (CMC) between January 2019 and December 2020 were included in the study. Between the baseline and most recent CMC visit, we compared changes in the outcomes of interest.

I. INTRODUCTION

In a national and international context, regulatory affairs refers to the knowledge of and application of strategic and operational enforcement of the legal framework pertaining to medicines and associated products.

What is regulatory Affairs?

Company perspective: As soon as possible, new pharmaceutical items should be approved, put on the market, and retained there**.**

Authority perspective: To evaluate the supporting paperwork provided with the registration- or change application and to monitor the usage of pharmaceuticals.

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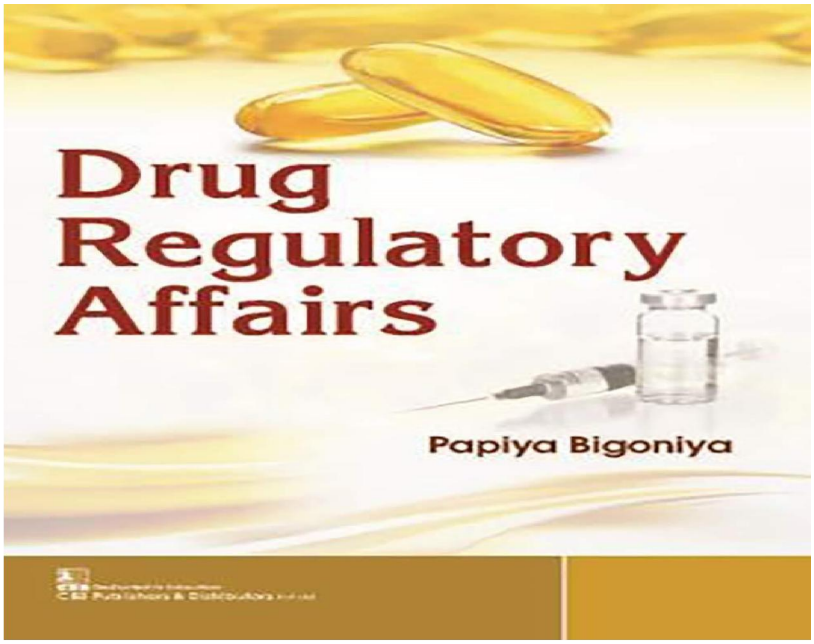
A career in regulated industries like pharmaceuticals and medical devices is called regulatory affairs. Professionals in regulatory affairs (sometimes known as medical affairs professionals) are often in charge of the following general areas: Ensuring that their businesses adhere to all rules and legislation relevant to their industry

Working with regulatory people and organisations at the federal, state, and local levels on particular concerns affecting their firm. Working with organisations like the Food and Drug Administration or the European Medicines Agency, for example

Giving their companies advice on how proposed actions would be affected by the regulatory environment and aspects. Descripting the "regulatory climate," for example



II. DRUG REGULATORY AFFAIRS

By regulating the safety and efficacy of products in a variety of industries, including pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, medical devices, pesticides, agrochemicals, cosmetics, and complementary therapies, governments have created a new profession called regulatory affairs. The businesses who produce and promote these products must make

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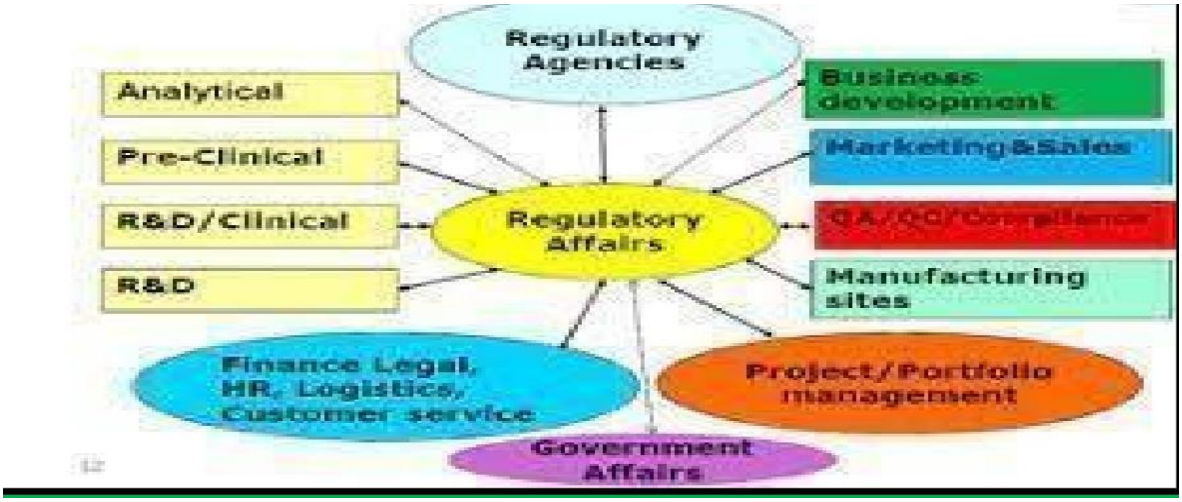
sure that they give the general public high-quality products for their health and wellbeing. Nowadays, the majority of businesses have specialised regulatory affairs divisions. Companies' regulatory affairs departments are expanding, constantly changing, and expanding. They are the ones that are least affected by acquisitions, mergers, and economic downturns. Global standardisation has resulted in a uniform approach to regulatory submissions and, consequently, to their assessment. Understanding the regulatory requirements to get new generic drugs licenced is the responsibility of this Department Professionals in regulatory affairs are regarded as the protectors of public health since they monitor drug efficacy and safety during clinical studies as well as marketing campaigns.

Regulatory specialists maintain a record of any amendments to government legislation pertaining to the product being marketed and aid in gaining marketing authorisation from regulatory bodies by preserving and supplying the necessary documentation. Their technical guidance is crucial for the commercial and scientific viability of the product at every stage of its development, including conception, packaging, marketing, and launch. The regulatory affairs department is constantly changing with new laws and regulations; as a result, a person must keep up with the shifting dynamics because the shorter the time it takes for a product to reach the market, the better for the company's economic growth as time and accuracy are crucial.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS



Governments' desire to protect public health through regulation of the safety and efficacy of products in a variety of industries, including pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, medical devices, pesticides, agrochemicals, cosmetics, and complementary medicines, as well as the companies in charge of their discovery, testing, manufacture, and marketing, have led to the development of the field of regulatory affairs. For firms, a new class of professionals has emerged to tackle these regulatory issues.

IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE REGULATORY AFFAIRS

In the current study, numerous regulatory agencies from important developed and developing nations are briefly reviewed, along with their roles and difficulties in ensuring the safe and effective distribution of medical products. The primary goal.

The goal of regulatory affairs is to establish the framework for the high quality assurance of food items, which can raise consumers' interest in assuring the efficacy, quality, and safety

1. Roles of Regulatory Affairs Professionals in the Pharmaceutical Industry and Health Authorities.
2. Prescription drug laws.
3. Clinical studies
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5. Pharmaceutical Industry Network for Regulatory Affairs.

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6. The growth of the Indian pharmaceutical industry and drug regulations has occurred throughout time.
7. Major Indian laws and rules.
8. Global, regional, and national regulatory networks and drug regulatory affairs.

2.1 Historical Overview of Pharmaceutical Industries and Regulatory Affairs

The thalidomide, vaccination, and sulfanilamide elixir catastrophes of the 1950s led to a significant expansion of laws governing the quality, safety, and effectiveness of pharmaceutical products. Additionally, this has led to tougher standards for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Marketing Authorization (MA) (GMPs).

United States of America (USA):

The first large-scale glycerin production began between 1818 and 1840 thanks to the establishment of chemical manufacturing factories in the early eighteenth century. On the other hand, pharmacists and doctors were compounding medications in pharmacy labs. Opium, a crude medicine, was taken from plants by compounding pharmacists and developed from there. Additionally for separating the active components from the raw medicine. In the USA, the Mexican-American War (1846–1848) gave birth to the modern pharmaceutical business. Due to the import of fake medications for diseases including malaria, cholera, dysentery, and yellow fever, American troops suffered, prompting the federal government to take action and establish custom laboratories. The Import Drugs Act of 1848 was the first law to regulate the import of medications. This law made it necessary to check the quality and purity of imported medications at the port of entry. United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) has been recognised by the federal government as an official compendium to define the quality and purity of drugs. Despite being founded in 1820, the United States Pharmacopoeia Committee (USPC) was a non-governmental organisation until the Import Drugs Act of 1848. It was founded with the intention of developing a system for national formulary, quality control, and standards

European Union (EU)

The primary goal of healthcare laws in European nations is to keep dangerous items off the market. Few other variables, besides Quality, Safety, and Efficacy, contributed to the pharmaceutical industry's highly developed state of affairs and well-defined legal framework.

Ethical Considerations

The Helsinki Declaration was established in 1964 in order to prevent unethical and risky clinical studies and to ensure that human participants are treated safely and appropriately.

Economic Issues

The early 20th century saw the development of the first health insurance scheme. Due to the fact that the expense of drugs was transferred from the client to the private and public health insurance system, this has led to pricing transparency.

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Unsafe Products Usage

Following the Thalidomide catastrophe, a significant change in drug laws began in European nations. A German manufacturer began marketing new sedative pills in Europe in the late 1950s that were said to help pregnant women with morning sickness. The teratogenic effect of this medication during early pregnancy caused birth abnormalities in roughly 10,000 children. Women in Germany and England gave birth to kids that had flippers coming out of their shoulders and trunks instead of hands, feet, toes, or fingers.

India

Up until the 20th century, India's medicine business was in a very basic state. The majority of the medications were imported from other nations. The demand for pharmaceuticals skyrocketed after the First World War, which prompted the entry of low-quality, inexpensive drugs onto the market, much as what happened in the USA during the Mexican-American War. 1900–1960: The government created the Poisons Act in 1919 to regulate the sale of low-cost medications. This Act governs the use, distribution, and sale of specific poisonous substances. Additionally, it stipulates the proper storage of the poisons, their labelling and packaging, the maximum amount that may be sold, and the inspection and analysis of the poison that the vendor sells during the year. The Dangerous Drugs Act 1930 came after The Poisons Act. This law controls the opium plant's cultivation, production, and possession as well as its import, export, transshipment, and sale.

Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940:

Control the importation, production, distribution, and sale of pharmaceuticals. Allopathic, homoeopathic, Unani, and Siddha are covered by this law.

Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945:

The Drugs and Cosmetics Act's regulations do not cover the production of ayurvedic medicines for personal use or consumption.

Pharmacy Act, 1948:

The most recent amendment to this law, which governs India's pharmacy industry, was made in 1986.

1960-1970:

Multinational corporations dominated the market share, and there were hardly any Indian manufacturers. The Indian pharmaceutical market was still developing. Due to the lack of patent protection, there was very little emphasis on pure research and development. Due to the high level of import dependence on pharmaceuticals, both their price and market availability were extremely high.

1970-1980:

Government took control for the medicines regulation and issued few acts and rules

Indian Patent Act 1970:

It forms the cornerstone of Indian patent law. Based on this, only the process and method of drug substance synthesis were permitted to get patents. Under this act, product patents were not allowed. Beginning on April 20, 1972, the Indian Patent Act of 1970 went into effect. The Indian Patents and Designs Act of 1911 was replaced by this new law.
Capped drug prices: Drug Prices Control Order (DPCO) was established to prevent excessive drug

1980-1990:

The sector has started to build production infrastructure and invest in API process development. Moreover, the government has provided export incentives. The operation of narcotic drugs and substances is governed by the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, which was published in 1985.

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1990-2000:

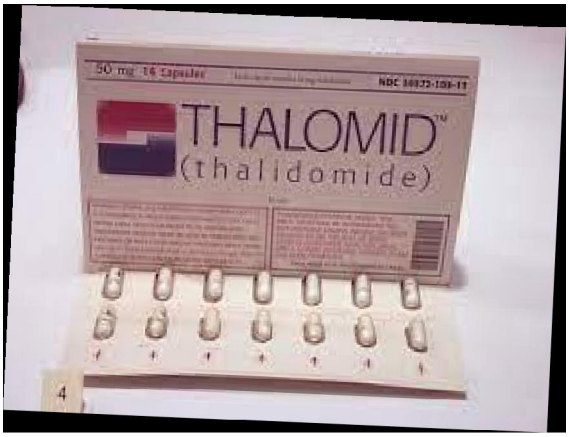
The domestic pharmaceutical market has grown quickly, and at the same time, globalisation has occurred. The businesses have started conducting research. India adopted the PCT's product patent system on January 1, 2005, after joining the PCT in 1999.

2000-2010:-

The era of innovation and research is currently in effect. Innovative research projects, the patenting of medicinal formulas, processes, and indications, as well as company mergers, all began during this time.

Recent Advancement In Regulatory Affairs:

Many catastrophes occurred in the 1950s as a result of staff members' errors in judgement during production and some deliberate additions of adulterants into pharmaceutical products, which resulted in patient deaths. Following numerous events, the regulatory organisations implemented new laws and regulations that enhance the items' quality, safety, and effectiveness. Additionally, this has led to tougher guidelines for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Marketing



Authorization (MA) (GMPs). 7 These are the SULPHANILAMIDE ELIXIR, VACCINE, and THALIDOMIDE TRAGEDY tragedies.

The European Union was established at the beginning of the 1980s to systematically regulate medical items in its member states. In most member nations, there were laws regulating medications that were nearly identical to those in the US, but many nations had no real significant laws governing medical devices. The EU had been developing the idea of New Approach Directives, in which the vast majority of ideas were codified into the law and the vast majority of technology advancements were given the go-ahead to adhere to acceptable criteria (which are more easily upgradable)

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1. The New Approach Directive to Medical Devices was petitioned by the European Union, and In addition to doing so, they also put together the first significant abstracts to support healthcare legislation about a century ago.
2. Since the intercontinental arrangement revolution, the Global Harmonization Task Force has primarily used the European Model for Medical Devices.
3. In addition to being regulatory affairs experts, they are frequently in charge of tracking changes to regulatory guidelines as they occur.
4. They should use their resourcefulness to stay up to date on all changes to the law in order to do this. They must, for instance, browse the PDA website and read specialised journals.

V. REGULATORY STRATEGY

Regulatory Affairs Planning

Critical development problem planning is dynamic and evolves during the process.

Arrangement for registering a product on the world market (to be in line with corporate, business and strategy of RA unit and projects)

Make a plan for balancing time, money, and human resources. The quality of a strategy depends on the analysis that supports it. • To make sure a dossier generates a SmPC (Summary for the prescribers Package leaflet Information for the patient) that generates sales

To guarantee that the product's first enthusiastic users are the regulators

Regulatory intelligence and networking

Integrating regulatory considerations into the research and development process.

Regulatory Bodies in the World:

Each nation has a regulatory body that is tasked with upholding laws and issuing directives for the creation, licencing, registration, manufacture, marketing, and labelling of pharmaceutical products.

Table 1: Regulatory Bodies

Country	Regulatory Body
USA	Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Uk	Medicine and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
Australia	Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
India	Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
Canada	Health Canada
Europe	European Medicines Agency (EMEA)

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Regulatory Affair Profession:

To meet regulatory requirements and enable a favourable evaluation of quality, efficacy, and safety in the shortest amount of time possible, it is crucial that the process be managed effectively from beginning to end. Bringing a new drug to market takes many years. Every stage of this process, from creating efficient regulatory strategies after the discovery of a new chemical up to organising post-marketing activities, involves the professional in drug regulatory affairs (DRA).

The range of duties is broad and could differ greatly depending on how the pharmaceutical firm is organised. Some DRA professionals may just be responsible for pharmacovigilance tasks or information representation in electronic form (electronic submissions).The primary point of contact between the sponsor and the TPP, however, is the DRA professional. The person serving in this position needs to be an outstanding writer, communicator, and negotiator. This is done to make sure that any requests or comments made during the submission review process are immediately and adequately addressed, as well as to negotiate the best possible labelling (Product Monograph) that is compatible with the sponsor's commercial goals. Given the rapid advancement of technology in today's world, understanding To successfully complete the job requirements, a variety of computer applications are required. The discipline of drug regulatory affairs (DRA) is one that covers both the scientific and legal facets of drug research. DRA specialists are devoted persons who take satisfaction in their commitment to enhancing peoples' health and quality of life12.

The Responsibility of Regulatory Affairs Professional's:

The responsibility of a regulatory affairs expert is to stay abreast of the constantly evolving legal framework in every area where a firm desires to sell its goods. Additionally, they gather, compile, and assess the scientific data that their research and development colleagues are producing13. They also provide advice on the constraints and requirements of law and science. They are in charge of submitting registration documentation to regulatory bodies and handling any following talks required to uphold the subject products' marketing authorisation. From the very beginning of a product's development, they provide strategic and technical guidance at the highest levels of their organisations, significantly contributing both economically and scientifically to the success of a development programme and the organisation as a whole 14.

Keep abreast of global laws, regulations, and consumer practises are among the duties of the regulatory affairs department.

1. Know the latest information on a company's product line.
2. Verify that a company's products adhere to the laws in effect
3. Create a regulatory plan for all necessary regulatory submissions for local, global, or contract projects.
4. In cooperation with the organisation, coordinate, prepare, and review all pertinent papers, such as dossiers, before submitting them to regulatory authorities within a given time limit.
5. SOPs linked to RA should be prepared and reviewed. BMR, MFR, change control, and other pertinent documents are reviewed18.

Challenges to regulatory affairs profession:

Regulatory affairs include complete dynamics:

Technical and scientific knowledge

Exceptional communication ability

Be able to work with people who have different backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and personalities

Deal with competing allegiances, drives, social and ethical obligations, and responsibilities.

For instance: the delivery of a dossier During the dossier filing, a regulatory matter would be: influenced by numerous regulatory directives

Obtaining feedback on process capabilities and product attribute specifications from multiple company departments getting suggestions from friends on quick ways to get approval

Receiving encouragement from the management in the form of rewards for obtaining quick approvals.

Role of Regulatory Affairs In Pharmaceutical Industries:

R&D, Production, QC, and other departments receive tactical and useful counsel from regulatory affairs personnel. Simply assist in the development of a product, which will be beneficial for the organisation as a whole and an evolution

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plan both economically and scientifically. A new pharmaceutical product must be evaluated and implemented over a period of up to 15 years, and many problems may arise due to advancements in science and changing regulatory environments. Regulatory experts assist the organisation in avoiding problems caused by irrelevant documents, inappropriate scientific reasoning, or

Incomplete record presentation. A regulatory affairs professional's responsibilities include working with regulatory bodies:

1. To examine the constitution's ongoing changes.
2. Papers modified for regulatory agencies
3. To provide the R&D, Production, and QC Departments with strategic and useful suggestions.
4. The creation of organised and Make sure that all applicable CGMP, ICH, GCP, and GLP regulations and laws are followed. 22

Regulatory Affairs in Product Management:

The primary responsibility of RA professionals extends beyond the registration of products; they provide the highest degree of strategic and technical advice to businesses. Their responsibility extends from product development to production, marketing, and post-marketing tactics. Companies are able to produce products more quickly and more affordably by following their guidance at all stages about the technical and legal requirements. The World Health Organization's instructions on health issues and the World Trade Organization's rules on international trade are obeyed by governments without their own legislation.

Regulatory Affairs in Clinical Trials:

The RA professional serves as the company's main point of contact with international regulatory organisations like the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Kingdom's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UKMCA), Australia's European Medicines Agency, the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, and Health Canada. Additionally, he conveys and interprets to the other firm divisions the seemingly unending maze of rules, regulations, and norms. The RA staff creates strategies to avoid delays and delivers clinical trial results to the regulatory agencies in order to achieve speedy clearance and shorten the time it takes for new molecules to be approved.

Regulatory Affairs in Research & Development:

The team in charge of regulatory affairs collaborates closely with marketing and R&D to create cutting-edge goods that speed up time to market by utilising recent regulatory and technological advancements. Small reductions in time to market translate into major material increases in revenue and profit since new goods are anticipated to significantly boost the bottom lines of the organisation.

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Utilizing adaptable clinical trial methodologies, securing swift regulatory approval, and avoiding process problems can hasten the development of new medications and help to minimise expensive errors and time lags. 23

The other various roles within regulatory affairs:

- Submission management
- Maintenance management
- CMC specialist
- Pre-clinical/Clinical specialist
- Labeling expert
- Regulatory intelligence
- Global versus local Regulatory Affairs

VI. CONCLUSION

The regulatory affairs branch is typically one that is growing and changing, and it is also the one that is least affected by mergers and acquisitions as well as economic downturns. Within organisations, regulatory affairs departments are growing. Some firms also opt to outsource or out assignment regulatory matters to external carrier providers due to the changing assets necessary to satisfy the regulatory criteria. The success of an enterprise depends on the product being able to reach the market faster in today's competitive environment. The effective use of regulatory guidelines and legislation will boost the organization's economic growth and improve human protection. RA Is a busy, lucrative field that includes both the clinical and inmate aspects of medication development. DRA specialists are passionate individuals who take pride in their work to enhancing peoples' fitness and quality of life. The scope of the RA career extends beyond the registration of goods; at the highest level, they provide organisations with technical and strategic advice. Their job starts with product development and continues through creation, promotion, and after-sales marketing. Experts in regulatory affairs help the organisation avoid problems caused by improper information storage, irrelevant clinical questioning, and other factors.

VII. SUMMARY

- GLP v/v ISO 9000 and ISO 17025
- Non-clinical health and environmental safety studies
- Physical and chemical test systems
- Biological test systems
- OECD
- EU Directive 1999/11/EC

Where to Get More Information

Commission Directive 2004/9/EC and
Commission Directive 2004/10/EC
http://eur-lex.europa.eu
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/chemicals/legislation/glp/index_en.htm http://www.oecd.org under environment/chemical safety

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