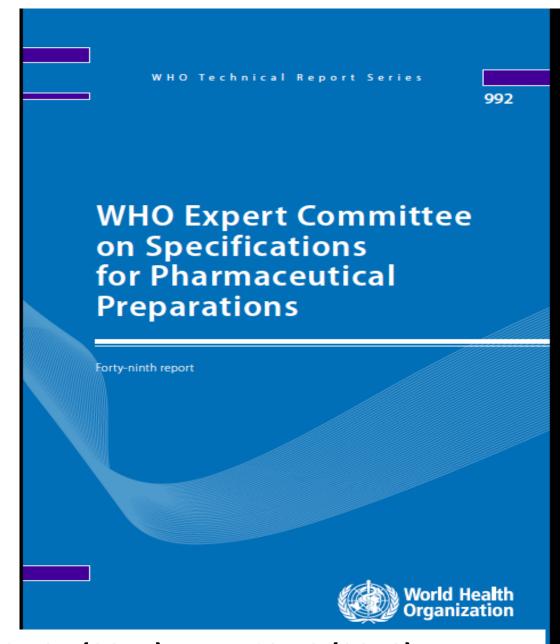


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All pharmaceutical products, including multisource products, should be used in a country only after approval by the national or regional authority. Regulatory authorities should require the documentation of a multisource pharmaceutical product to meet the following:

- GMP;
- QC specifications;
- pharmaceutical product interchangeability



WHA Resolutions: WHA 67.20 (2014); WHA 67.21 (2014); WHA63.12 (2010)

# WHO Prequalification

In vitro
Diagnostics 2010
HIV test kit evaluation
1988









# **WHO PQ Process**



# **INPUTS**

Expression of Interest



Dossier

WHO Guidelines



Assessors/ Inspectors

**Testing** 

## **PROCESS**

Assessment of Dossier



Inspections (API, FPP, CRO)

Assessment/ Inspection/Lab Reports

## **OUTPUTS**

List of Prequalified products

WHO Public Reports





(Collaborative Procedure Between WHO and National Regulatory Authorities in the Assessment and Accelerated National Registration of WHO-prequalified Pharmaceutical Products and Vaccines)

#### The procedure has been developed to:

- enhance timely access to prequalified products in countries;
- to ensure that the product in countries is the same as the one which is prequalified and to provide a model for regulatory information exchange among countries;
- first piloted in June 2012 and is currently in use;
- also benefits manufacturers of prequalified pharmaceutical products and vaccines through faster and better harmonized regulatory approvals in participating countries.

# **KEY Principles of the Collaborative Procedure**



- Voluntary;
- Product and registration dossier in countries are the same as prequalified by WHO;
- Mutually beneficial: shared confidential information to support NRA decision making in exchange for accelerated registration process;
- "Harmonized product status" is monitored and maintained.

# **Steps of the procedure:**



### **Agreement**

- NRA confirms to WHO PQT its interest to participate in collaborative procedure and respect its conditions;
- One or two focal persons are designated at each interested NRA, sign confidentiality undertaking and are given access to the WHO managed restricted access platform (MedNet).

### Registration

- Manufacturer submits MA application to participating NRA for the PQ-ed medicine and informs the authority about the interest to follow the collaborative procedure. Same data submitted as for PQ;
- Manufacturer informs WHO PQT about the application for national registration and, for each product, provides written agreement to exchange of information between the participating NRA and WHO PQT;

# Steps of the procedure: Registration



- Participating authority confirms to WHO PQT its interest to apply the procedure for given medicinal product;
- Within 30 days, WHO PQT provides focal person (s) in the participating NRA with assessment and inspection reports via restricted-access website (MedNet) and provides additional explanation, if requested;
- Within 90 days participating NRA decides upon the national registration, informs WHO PQT about the outcome of national registration and, when divergent from PQT decision, provides explanations;
- Within 30 calendar days of having taken its decision, the participating authority informs WHO/PQT and the applicant of this decision;
- WHO PQT lists products registered by participating NRAs according to this procedure on its public website.

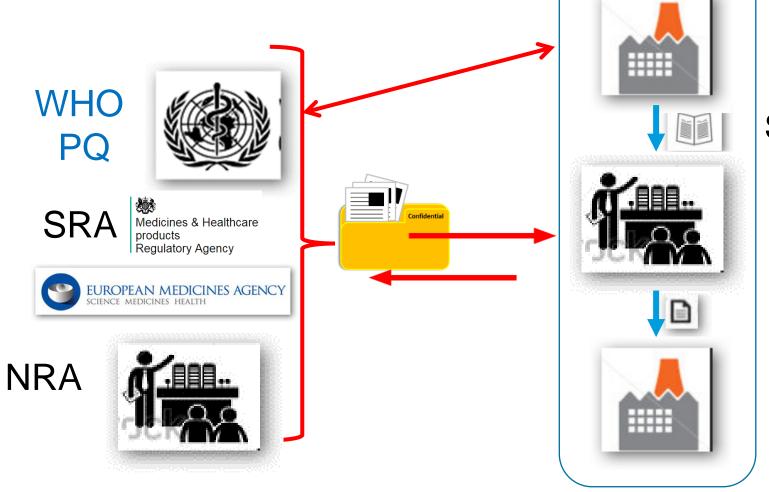


# To support the national registrations, regulators can benefit from already organized scientific assessments and inspections, if

- Having access to regulatory expertise from trusted party (complete assessment and inspection reports)
- Having the same product
- Having same essential technical data
- National legislation and sovereignty are not affected
- Respect confidentiality of commercially sensitive information
- Manage properly regulatory follow-up

# How does the collaborative procedures works?





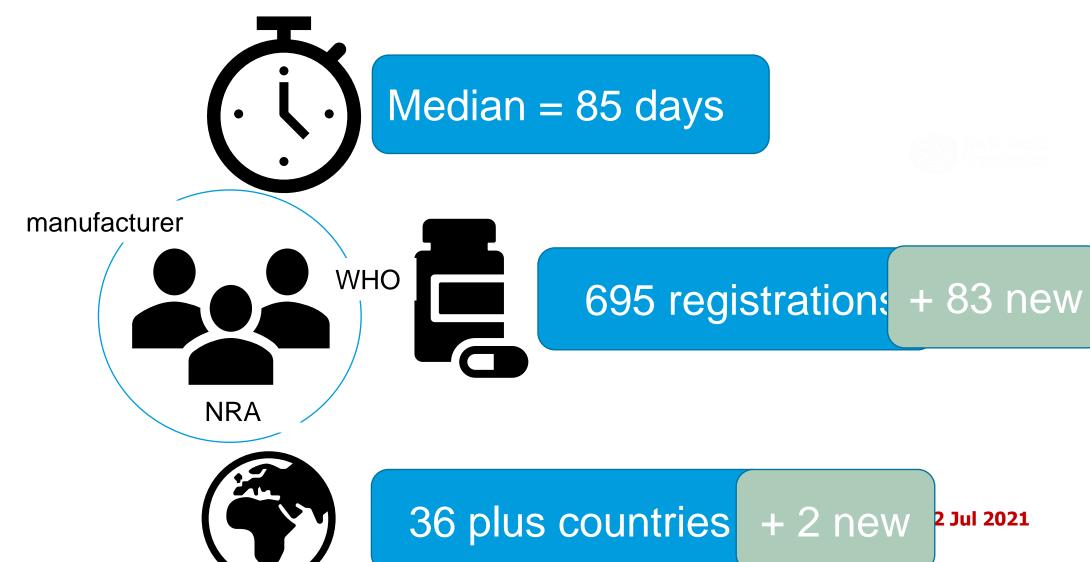
Submission

NRA

Marketing authorisation

# WHO PQ CRP





https://extranet.who.int/prequal/content/collaborative-registration-faster-registration

## Win-win outcomes for all stakeholders



#### NRAs

- Having data well organized in line with PQ requirements
- Availability of unredacted WHO assessment and inspection outcomes to support national decisions and save internal capacities
- Having assurance about registration of 'the same' product as is prequalified (in this case, US FDA approved/tentatively approved products)

#### **Manufacturers**

- Harmonized data for PQ and national registration
- Facilitated interaction with NRAs in assessment, inspections
- Accelerated and more predictable registration
- Easier post-registration maintenance

#### **WHO**

- Prequalified products are faster available to patients
- Feed-back on WHO prequalification outcomes

#### **Procurers**

- Time,
- Assurance,
- Availability
- Faster start of procurement and wider availability of PQ medicines;
- Assurance about "the same' medicine as is prequalified.

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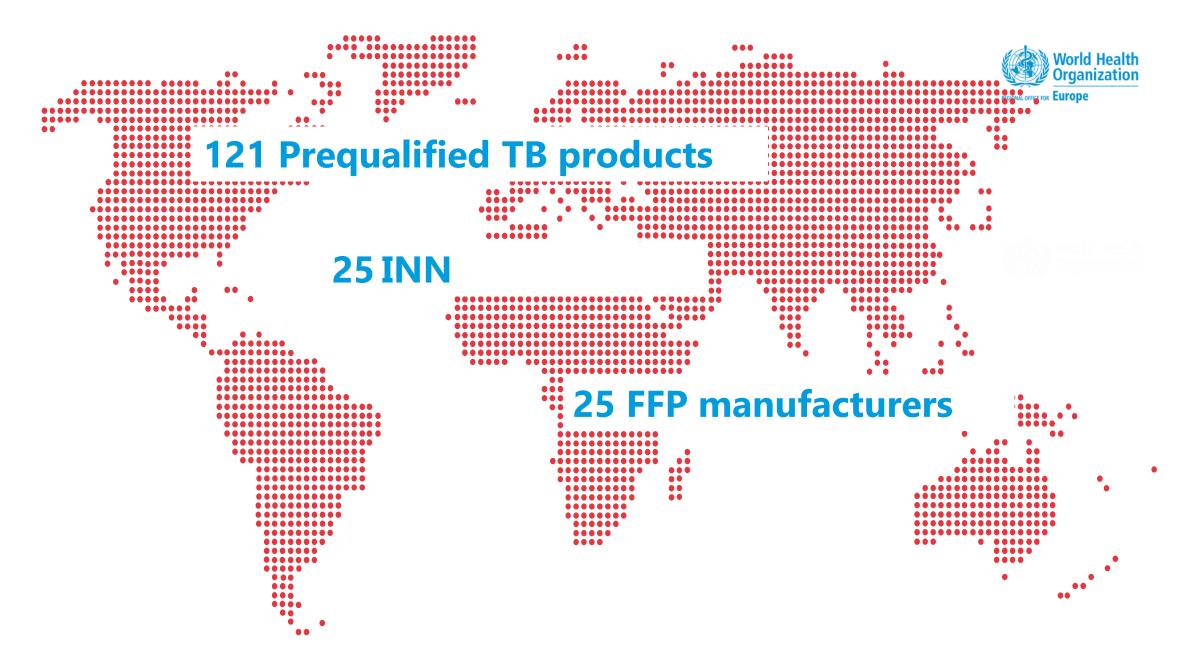
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# **Participating NRAs**

World Health Organization
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR Europe

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Bhutan
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Comores
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia

- Georgia
- Ghana
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Madagascar
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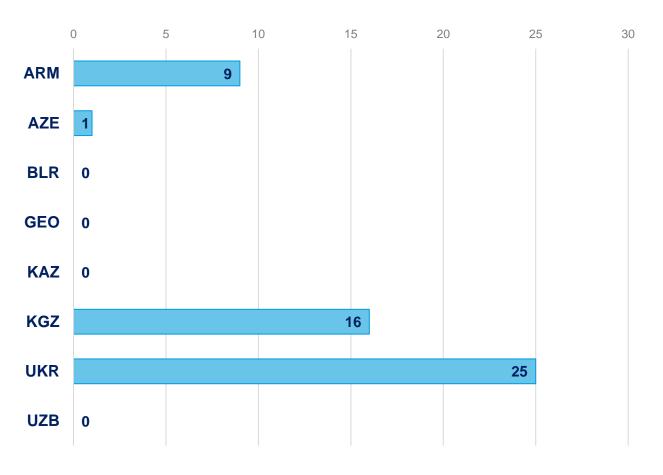
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- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
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- Zambia
- Zanzibar
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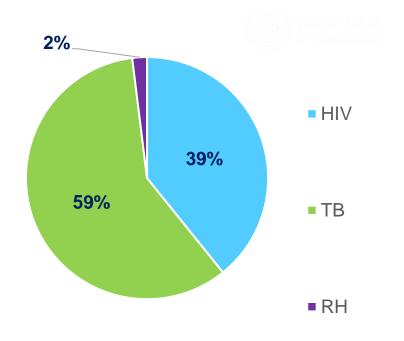
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