

VACCINES ASSESSMENT TEAM

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Important note

No information will be shared with any third party but it may be necessary to discuss some aspects with the WHO IMD-PQS Secretariat.

Please advise the auditor if there is anything of particular sensitivity which should not be shared with another person.

Record type of product	
Record PQS E00 category	

Add a column to record the laboratory's response.

		Notes	ISO 17025 reference
1,0	General questions about the laboratory		
1,1	Please give some general background to the lab: e.g. How old is the lab? What is its purpose generally? How did the lab originate?		NA
1,2	How many people are employed in relevant section(s) of the laboratory? (Sections relevant to the testing of E00X and E00Y products.)	Please list names of test staff including line manager within the section applicable to the testing. Do not include administration staff unless it is helpful to understand your procedural processes.	NA
1,3	Who are the senior personnel in charge of testing and quality?	Please forward their CVs for the lab manager, quality manager and engineers who will oversee the testing.	NA
1,4	Does the lab have current accreditation or certification in accordance with ISO or with a national accreditation body? Please state	E.g. to ISO 17025. All current accreditations and certifications and whether	NA



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	accreditation authority and lab reference number if applicable.	affiliated to an international body like ILAC.	
1,5	Briefly describe your quality management system (QMS). Is this in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 or other internationally recognized quality standard?	Please forward at least the contents pages of the Quality Manual	Clause 8
1,6	What is the procedure for "control of documents" (in the QMS)?	E.g. "uncontrolled" copies.	Clause 8.3.2.f
1,7	Please state previous audit visits (type of authority and dates).		NA
1,8	Describe the frequency and type of <i>internal</i> audits?	Please forward an example of an internal audit.	Clause 8.8
1,9	Does the lab audit its suppliers or other companies or other organizations?	e.g. suppliers of instrumentation or lab consumables important to testing.	Clause 6.6.1
1,10	Does the lab participate in any "Ring Testing" or Round Robin Testing where the same test sample(s) is circulated to a number of different labs to compare test results? If so, please state when and how often this might occur.		Clause 7.2.2.1 e; 7.6; 7.7; 7.7.1 j; & 7.7.2 b

2,0	Test experience		
2,1	Please list the current standards or protocols similar to the testing of fridges or cold boxes if applicable.	I.e. have you carried out any testing similar to fridge or cold box testing - state which standard.	Clause 7.2.1.5
2,2	Do members of the team actively participate in any national or international standard or similar organizations e.g. IEC committees.	Please state which committees or trade associations.	NA
2,3	Please describe the training and experience of staff who will perform the tests. Please show training records during the audit visit.	Only staff concerned with the above tests please. All staff should have a training record	Clauses 6.2.2 & 6.2.5



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3,0	Test procedure		
	Note: there are many test protocols in E003 an	d E004 so please respond in gene	eral terms here.
3,1	Describe the sample handling procedure (in accordance with your QMS).	Samples or goods-in, samples or goods-out and tracking inbetween. Damaged test samples.	Clause 7.4
3,2	Please list or describe environmental test chambers. Ambient temp range, ambient humidity range etc.		Clause 7.2.1.1
3,3	Briefly describe your procedure to follow a test protocol, planning, checking progress, anticipating report date etc. (References to SOPs or TWIs may be made.)	Some labs have "Test Work Instructions" or "SOP" with notes how to set up and carry out testing but these, or a "manual", are not actual requirements. Please forward SOPs or similar.	Clauses 7.8.2.1. f & n; A.2.1 d

4,0	Measuring instruments and accuracy		
4,1	How are all the relevant parameters measured and logged e.g. temperatures, humidity, power (if applicable) energy and time?	Briefly outline the logging system	Clause 6.4
4,2	Describe the type of temperature sensors are used to measure temperatures with specified accuracies. Which type of end or "slug" do the temperature sensors have?	E.g. thermocouples Type T. This is the thermal mass on the end of the TC, e.g. Brass cylinder according to IEC 62552 Clause 8.7.1.	Clause 6.4.5
4,3	For calibration purposes, how are temperature and other sensors individually identifiable?	They should have a unique ID reference.	Clause 7.4.2
4,4	What is the accuracy of logged temperatures?	Ideally the accuracy of the whole system from the end of	Clause 6.4.5



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		the temp sensor to the display on a screen or the reading on a print-out should be known.	
4,5	What is the accuracy of logged humidity?		Clause 6.4.5
4,6	What is the accuracy of power (if applicable) and energy measurements?		Clause 6.4.5
4,7	Are instruments calibrated internally or externally?	Can I see calibration certificates on the day please?	Clause 6.4.6; 6.4.7 & 6.4.8
4,8	How does the lab quarantine out of calibration instruments?		Clause 6.4.9
4.9	Please show the lab treatment for uncertainty calculations.	2-3 examples in a separate document perhaps.	Clauses 7.5.1 & 7.6

5,0	Reporting		
5,1	Can the lab provide a recent exemplar test report (from a similar type of testing)?	The client and the product can be deleted if you wish. It is the <i>style</i> of the report I wish to examine. Please forward in advance.	Clause 7.8.2
5,2	How is regular feedback provided to the client?	E.g. weekly emails updating on progress?	Clause 7.1.8
5,3	What is the lab procedure for control of tested samples?	What happens to test samples at the end of testing?	Clause 7.4.1
5,4	What is the follow up with the client?	Do you phone to record client satisfaction?	Clause 8.6.2 & 8.9.2

6,0	Corrective actions		
6,1	Describe the the lab procedure for "complaints" with corrective action and preventative action.	Examples (without reference to particular clients) would be useful.	Clause 7.9