

Vaccines Inspection Updates

Andrea Geyer

Technical Officer, Lead GMP inspector for vaccines Inspection Services - Prequalification Unit (PQT) Regulation and Prequalification Department (RPQ) Access to Medicines and Health Products Division (MHP) World Health Organization



Special characteristics of vaccines

Difficult and sophisticated Mfg. and Control

- Biological origin- inherent variability
- Sterile overall injectable
- Vaccine mostly given to babies and children or healthy subjects
- Thermolabile
- Risk of contamination (microbial, viral, BSE/TSE)



Therefore, need

 Strong *Pharmaceutical quality system* and *Quality Risk Management*

GMP Inspection references

- Technical Report Series: GMP related
 - **GMP Main Principles**: TRS 986 annex 2 (2014)
 - Biological products: TRS 999 annex 2 (2016)
 - Sterile products: TRS 1044 annex 2 (2022)
 - **QRM**: TRS 981 annex 2
 - Guidelines on validation: TRS 1019 annex 3 (2019)
 - Water for pharmaceutical use: WHO TRS No. 1033, Annex-3 (2021)
 - Guideline on data integrity: WHO TRS No. 1033, Annex-4 (2021)
 - **GMP for excipients**: WHO TRS No. 1052, Annex 2 (2024)







2023/2024 Vaccine Inspection Statistics

• 20 inspections











2023/2024 Vaccine Inspection Statistics

- 20 inspections*
- 330 deficiencies
 - Critical 6 inspections
 - Major Average 5.35
 - Other Average 10.6

*2 reports are not yet finalized







2023/2024 Critical and Major deficiencies:*



*Based on 18 inspections, 2 reports are not yet finalized



Deficiencies related to WHO TRS 1044 Annex 2 (EU, PIC/S Annex 1)*



*Based on 18 inspections, 2 reports are not yet finalized



WHO TRS 1044 Annex 2 – Most Referred Paragraphs

12 Inspections:

- 9.4 Environmental Monitoring Programme
- 9.36 Aseptic Process Simulation (APS)

11 Inspections:

- 4.11 Transfer of materials, equipment and components into the grade A or B areas
- 4.21 RABS and Isolator Gloves integrity, sterilization/biodecontamination
- 4.32 Requalification of cleanrooms and clean air equipment
- 7.18 Personnel Aseptic Practices



In Summary

India, the most inspected country, plays a significant role in the global vaccine supply

Around 50% of critical and major deficiencies were related to GMP for sterile products – WHO TRS 1044 Annex 2 (new EU-PIC/S Annex 1)

Deficiencies related to sterile manufacturing were mainly related to the current requirements for premises, production, RABS and isolators, EMP, and APS

Vaccine Manufacturers are encouraged to check and implement the current GMP requirements.









geyera@who.int prequalinspection@who.int