I BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURE

1. Submission of the dossier

The company Merck Sharp Dohme Ltd submitted in 2005 an application for STOCRIN® 600mg filmcoated tablets¹ (HA337) to be assessed with the aim of including STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets in the list of prequalified medicinal products for the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets was assessed according to the 'Procedure for Assessing the Acceptability, in Principle, of Pharmaceutical Products for Purchase by United Nations Agencies' by the team of WHO assessors. The assessors are senior experts, mainly from national authorities, invited by WHO to participate in the prequalification assessment process. Based on the data submitted the team of assessors advised that STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets is included in the list of prequalified medicinal products. STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets was listed on 23 May 2006.

STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets' conformance to the requirements of the current SRA guideline² was re-evaluated by the team of WHO assessors.

The marketing authorization holder changed from Merck Sharp & Dohme Limited to Merck Sharp & Dohme B.V. on 04 June 2018.

Licensing status:

STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets has been licensed / registered in the European Union.

| March 2016 | WHO letter of request for requalification was sent to the applicant. |
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| June 2016 | The application letter was received. |
| Dec 2016 | The assessment team reviewed the submitted data and further information was requested |
| March 207 | The applicant's response letter was received. |
| July 2017 | The submitted data were reviewed and found to comply with the relevant WHO requirements. |
| 28 Sept 2017 | Requirements of requalification were met. STOCRIN® 600 mg film-coated tablets remained on the list of prequalified medicinal products. |

2. Steps taken in the re-evaluation of the product

¹ Trade names are not prequalified by WHO. This is the national medicines regulatory authority's (NMRA) responsibility. Throughout this WHOPAR the proprietary name is given as an example only.

² "Guidelines on submission of documentation for prequalification of finished pharmaceutical products approved by stringent regulatory authorities"