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About AGES PharmMed:

On 2.1.2006 the new Austrian Medicines and Medical Devices Agency - AGES PharmMed - was founded. It is an organisation characterised by flexibility, competence and spirit of service. AGES PharmMed fulfills on behalf of the Republic of Austria, public service responsibilities related to the inspection and approval of medicinal products and medical devices. The Republic of Austria as owner of AGES PharmMed is the guarantor for objectivity and impartiality in all of the services provided. AGES PharmMed is made up of the following closely collaborating units: Pharmacovigilance, Science and Information, Medical Devices and Haemovigilance, Inspections, Marketing Authorisation and Life Cycle Management and finally the Official Medicines Control Laboratory.

About Official Medicines Control Laboratory:

One of the units in the AGES PharmMed is the "Official Medicines Control Laboratory", whose principal task is the assessment of the quality of medicinal products pre-approval and post-marketing as well as to carry out the batch release procedure based on European and national legislations. The Unit is a member of the European OMCL network and has been an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory since 2002.

Further Information about AGES PharmMed: www.ages.at

The tasks are fulfilled by four Departments within OMCL:

Department for Pharmaceutical Chemical Analyses

As part of the PharmMed market surveillance activities, this department analyses and evaluates legal and illegal drugs as well as drugs of abuse. Every year an annual sampling schedule is put up in cooperation with the other OMCL departments. In terms of analytical methods, the focus of this department lies on chromatography and spectroscopy.

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Department for Pharmaceutical Technical Analyses

This department carries out sampling of medicinal products on behalf of all OMCL departments. Analyses and assessments are performed according to methodological focus (pharmaceutical technical and pharmacognostic).

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Department for Biological Analyses

This department is responsible for testing plasma pools for viral markers. Other tasks include the experimental and theoretical batch testing of vaccine, both human and veterinary. Analytical methods used include immunochemistry, molecular biology and virology.

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Department for Biological Chemical Analyses

This department performs experimental and theoretical batch testing of plasma products, applying methods of protein chemistry and coagulation analysis. Notifications are processed in cooperation with the Department for Biological Analyses.

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