

VICH WORK PROGRAMME **2006 – 2010**

OBJECTIVES

The VICH strategy for the Phase II (2006-2010) provides that objectives of VICH are to:

- Establish and implement harmonized regulatory requirements for veterinary medicinal products in the VICH Regions, which meet high quality, safety and efficacy standards and minimize the use of test animals and costs of product development.
- Provide a basis for wider international harmonization of registration requirements.
- Monitor and maintain existing VICH guidelines, taking particular note of the ICH work program and, where necessary, update these VICH Guidelines.
- Ensure efficient processes for maintaining and monitoring consistent interpretation of data requirements following the implementation of VICH guidelines.
- By means of a constructive dialogue between regulatory authorities and industry provide technical guidance enabling response to significant emerging global issues and science that impact on regulatory requirements within the VICH regions.

Furthermore, as the VICH Steering Committee wishes to further improve the efficiency and the cost-effectiveness of the VICH process, in particular by ensuring a smooth but time efficient progression through the steps of the (draft) guidelines, it has been strongly recommended that all VICH parties should:

- Facilitate the experts task by enabling them to plan sufficiently in advance their different working group activities.
- Enable the secretariat to circulate the documents sufficiently in advance of Steering Committee meetings.
- Enable Steering Committee participants to review EWG documents (minutes, progress reports and draft VICH Guidelines) and to actively follow-up on progress.
- Ensure that the agreed Guiding Principles and procedures to ensure a smooth, efficient and successful running of the VICH process are adhered to.